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Organiser distances himself from EDL protesters

PEACEFUL MARCH PLEDGE BY LEADER

Report by Carl Jackson

THE organiser of a right-wing protest in Walsall has vowed it will be peaceful and distanced the group from the English Defence League – who have previously wreaked havoc in the town.

The United Patriots will march through the town centre on Saturday, February 27, to demonstrate against what they believe to be tolerance among the Islamic community of alleged extremism.

The event co-ordinator, who calls himself Liam Walsall, aged 18, estimates there will be up to 150 people taking part in the protest, including women and children, but declared the intention was not to stir up trouble.

He said: "We don't want people interrupting it and causing violence. We are there to highlight issues in the town and put our point across in a peaceful way.

"We have told people not to get drunk.

"We are not there to invite hooligans. Anyone coming to cause trouble will be removed."

Route

The group will not be using pubs as a rally point and will instead muster on Leicester Street at 1pm. Mr Walsall said he would not be revealing the route of the march until the day because he did not want other groups or counter-protesters to 'hijack' the event.

Despite it being the same spot where the EDL caused mass disruption in 2012, he declared the United Patriots were not the same group. He said: "We aren't the EDL. There may be people there who support different causes, people from different backgrounds and beliefs, but they won't be coming to the event to hijack it. We are meeting in Leicester Street because people doing their shopping will see our protest."

The organiser, who is from the borough, refused to reveal his real name because he said he wanted to be a 'public voice' rather than a 'public figure'. He added: "I want the community to stand up. What are we supposed to do? I am not racist, I am from a mixed race background."

West Midlands Police are also confident the protest will be peaceful.

A force spokeswoman said: "Local neighbourhood police officers will be on hand to assist their peaceful protest." When the march was first announced, council leader Mike Bird condemned it and described the situation as 'very sad'.

GIRLS EN-ROLL ON COURSE TO BUILD CAREER

Pupils from Wodensborough Ormiston Academy, from left, Katie Whitehouse aged 15, Tia Matthews 15, and college student Sophie Hitchcock, 17

IT'S typically a male-dominated industry but Walsall College is hoping to change all that.

The college held a Women in Construction day which saw pupils from various schools try their hand at different workshops including carpentry, plumbing, painting and decorating. Bosses hope to encourage more females into construction jobs.

Katie Whitehouse, a Year 10 pupil from Wodensborough Ormiston Academy in Wednesbury, said: "I really enjoyed the painting and decorating workshop.

"I didn't think it would be as much fun as it actually was and I learnt how to put up wallpaper." Yvette Brittle, faculty leader for technology at the same school, added: "The day has been a fascinating eye-opener for the girls. It's given them a real life insight into the construction industry with hearing first-hand from professionals.

"They also had a chance to speak to female students and find out why they chose construction courses and about their experiences.

"They now have a clearer idea about the skills they would learn on a vocational construction course and the wide range of careers it could lead them to. It's also been great and really inspiring for them to see how far women can go in the industry."

Female representatives from major firms in the industry including Accord Housing, Foo Architects, BM3 Architects and Carillion all gave inspirational talks at the event about their own experiences.

Neil Sambrook, head of curriculum and engineering at Walsall College, said: "The aim of the event was to raise aspirations amongst young girls and show them that construction jobs are not just for boys."

CRIME

Break-ins spark an increase in patrols

POLICE patrols have been stepped up in a Walsall neighbourhood after a series of house burglaries. People are being warned that burglars are climbing onto flat roofs to gain access to first floor windows of homes in Park Hall, Paddock. The recent peak in incidents has forced West Midlands Police to increase patrols in the area.

Sgt Richard Jacques from the Paddock neighbourhood team, said that gaining access in such away sometimes prevents burglar alarms activating, if they are only set to cover ground floor break-ins.

REDUNDANCIES

Housing group to shut three offices

WALSALL Housing Group is to close three offices, with the loss of four jobs.

WHG is to close offices at Blakenall Village Centre, King Street in Darlaston and Silver Court in Brownhills. The group said every member of staff was offered to apply for a new role, but four chose voluntary redundancy.

Rob Gilham, corporate director for operations at WHG, said: "The closure of these offices will help us focus our resources on continuing to provide customers with a quality home."

TRAFFIC

One-way system to ease congestion

A NEW one-way system in Caldmore has been introduced. The system is in place on Caldmore Road and Caldmore Green between Bradford Street and Corporation Street with the council now looking to introduce new kerbs and pathways.

It is the first phase of the scheme to help address congestion issues, parking problems and road safety in the area.

Businesses are hoping to receive a boost as well with extra parking spaces. The £500,000 scheme will also see the removal of the bus lane on Caldmore Road between Bradford Street and Dudley Street to open this section of road to all traffic.

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New chief for mental health service

Chairman, Judith Shorrock

THE innovative new mental health service for 0-25-year-olds, Forward Thinking Birmingham (FTB), has appointed Judith Shorrock as its Partnership Board/Voluntary and Community Sector Chairman.

Mrs Shorrock is currently Assistant Director of Service Development and Innovation for children's charity, Spurgeons. FTB is a partnership established to revolutionise mental health care and give children, young people and young adults the modern service that they need and deserve.

Led by Birmingham Children's Hospital, the innovative service brings together the expertise of Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, the Priory Group, Beacon UK and The Children's Society to provide a single point of access for children, young people, young adults and families, GPs, schools and local authorities, to access the right support at the right time.

Judith Shorrock has joined the project team in the voluntary role and will be responsible for further enhancing and embedding relationships between FTB and groups within Birmingham community.

Mrs Shorrock has also held a variety of senior roles, including Joint Head of Commissioning for Dudley Primary Care Trust, Children's Centre Strategy Manager for Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council and Strategy and Policy Manager at Wolverhampton Primary Care Trust.

Denise McLellan, FTB managing director, said: "We're delighted to welcome Judith to the Forward Thinking Birmingham team."

Man remains in flat, six weeks after blaze

A DISABLED man has continued living in a smoked damaged flat with no ceiling six weeks after a fire ripped through his council-owned property.

Neil Cartwright was lucky to survive the original blaze on Saturday January 9, after he woke to find his flat in Kings Street, Walsall Wood, on fire after his lit cigarette fell on to the carpet while he slept.

Mr Cartwright was knocked off his feet by the force of the blast when he went to investigate fumes seeping under his bedroom door after being woken by the smoke detector.

But the 48-year-old said Walsall Housing Group, which owns the property, had left him to live in a shell of a home while they assessed the damage.

He said: "I've been living without a ceiling for four weeks now and I think it's disgusting.

"I've had heart attacks, strokes and I suffer from epilepsy and diabetes. The community is trying to help me but the only thing Walsall Housing Group has done is come out with a measuring tape. My windows are still blown out and I've been told by the fire service I could be breathing in asbestos."

Therapy

Fire crews found Mr Cartwright dazed on his hands and knees near the front door suffering from the effects of smoke inhalation when the blaze gutted the bedroom of his flat on January 16. He was given oxygen therapy at the scene before being taken to Walsall Manor Hospital for further treatment.

Mr Cartwright, who is cared for by his 74-year-old mother, said: "I was so lucky to survive the blaze but I've never known anything like this delay in my life. Neighbours keep asking me if I'm back to normal yet and they can't believe when I tell them nothing has been done.

"All I'm being told is not to worry, there isn't any asbestos and then can't rehouse me."

Gary Brookes, director of housing for WHG, said Mr Cartwright was offered the chance to move into temporary accommodation. He said: "Mr Cartwright declined this offer and following safety checks on the property we agreed he could stay. We spoke to him again on Monday and once again offered him the option to move to temporary accommodation.

"He has again declined this. Asbestos was identified in the property as a result of the fire but has been removed under controlled conditions. We will continue to stay in close contact with Mr Cartwright until all work is completed."

Disabled Neil Cartwright from Kings Street, Walsall Wood, staying in his fire-hit surroundings

University wins car park battle

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a new university car park and road junction off a busy road in Walsall have been approved despite more than 500 objections.

The University of Wolverhampton has been granted permission for the permanent 248-space car park and new access point off the Broadway at the Walsall campus.

The new access road will replace the Magdalene Road entrance to the campus and it is now hoped work will be done by the end of the year. It will come as welcome news to residents of the Broadway Park Estate who regularly complained over commuting vehicles travelling through.

But it will be a bitter blow to Palfrey residents living opposite to the proposed plans who had put forward alternate plans which were rejected. After the university's plans became public knowledge, a petition was started which reached over 450 signatures. Another 50 letters of objection were submitted by concerned residents.

They claimed the junction would create chaos on the road during peak and off-peak times. But James Allen, the head of communications for Wolverhampton University, said: "The new road from the Broadway will enhance access to the university's Walsall Campus for students."

Lorry driver banned for exceeding road limit

A LORRY driver from Walsall who broke safety rules by driving for too long has been disqualified from driving professionally for a year.

Stuart Scrivens, aged 51, of Remington Road, was found to have driven excessive hours on two occasions in the same week, while working for Walsall-based Clentons Removals.

Industry regulator Kevin Rooney concluded it was highly likely Mr Scrivens would have suffered from fatigue after driving for 18 hours out of 24 on one occasion and 15 hours out of 19 on another.

Drivers' hours and tachograph rules mean that professional drivers must take specific breaks and rest while they are driving – as well as in between their duties. The legislation also sets maximum periods of driving.

The decision to revoke Mr Scrivens' professional licence and disqualify him until February 12 next year comes after a driver conduct hearing last month. In giving his decision, Mr Rooney said: "Mr Scrivens has clearly demonstrated that he is not today a safe person to be the driver of a heavy goods vehicle.

"This is not a matter of a driver not knowing the rules; quite the contrary the purpose of Mr Scrivens' offending was to hide his abuse of the rules."

The Traffic Commissioner was told how Mr Scrivens had been stopped by government inspectors at the UK Control Zone in Coquelles on April 23.

Records showed Mr Scrivens inserted his driver card at 1.14am on April 23 but after further questioning Mr Scrivens accepted he had actually used another driver's card.

Mr Scrivens drove using the other driver's card for a total of eight hours and 46 minutes. By doing so, he created a false record of his duties.

He then inserted his own driver card and drove for a further six hours and 16 minutes, before being stopped by examiners from the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency.

Schools boost bid is called in

A CONTROVERSIAL decision to expand four schools in Walsall has been called in to be scrutinised. Walsall council's cabinet had provisionally agreed to expand Beacon Primary School in Willenhall, Greenfield Primary School in Shelfield, King's Hill Primary School in Darlaston and St Giles in Willenhall.

But Labour councillor Doug James, who has been outspoken on the proposals from the start, had the decision called in. This means the plans will be scrutinised next Tuesday before a final decision is made on Thursday.

Councillor James wants questions answered over the decision-making process and as to why King's Hill Primary in Darlaston, which has only just been taken out of special measures and bumped up to 'inadequate', has been selected for expansion over other successful schools in the area.

£50m spent by councils on leaving employees

CASH-STRAPPED councils across the Black Country and Staffordshire have spent almost £50 million on redundancy payments to staff in the last five years, new figures have revealed.

A Freedom of Information (FoI) request shows that Staffordshire County Council has shelled out almost £30m in redundancy payments since 2010/11.

Dudley Council has paid over £21m, Wolverhampton council spent more than £13m, while Walsall Council spent £5,947,094. Across the four authorities 5,391 staff were either made redundant or took voluntary redundancy.

Sandwell Council failed to respond to the FOI request despite being given 60 working days to do so.

The huge payouts have come during a time when the region's authorities are battling to meet swingeing cuts to central government grants.

Walsall Council, which needs to find £80m of cuts by 2019, paid £5,947,094 to 624 staff who left the authority. They included a payment of £83,665 to one departing staff member in 2011/12.

Council leader Councillor Mike Bird said: "There will always be a slimming down of staff as a result of the council offering less services due to cuts.

"We want to protect jobs, which is why we are consulting with employees over a pay freeze."

Payments to individuals vary depending on length of service, wages and position.

Missing man found on street

AN Australian man who went missing for 16 years has been found by his family, sleeping rough in Walsall.

Jason Ronald Douglas, now aged 36, is Australian of aboriginal descent and thought to have been living homeless in the town for more than a decade.

His family have since launched a campaign which raised over $2,000 to fund the costs to bring him back to Australia.

Previously, Mr Douglas had been living in the UK with his uncle, Timothy Elwin Andrews, while his family remained in Australia. But Mr Andrews died of a heart attack during a football game in 1999. The last time Mr Douglas' relatives saw him face to face was in the same year at his uncle's funeral.

Tuning up for CD and record fair

A RECORD and CD fair is due to be held in Bilston. The Robin 2 will hold the event on Sunday.

It will run from 11am to 4pm and entry is £1. For more details go to www.therobin.co.uk

Shining a Light on jobs for borough

One of the now-seated auditoriums

MORE than 30 jobs will be created at a new cinema in Walsall – as images are released showing the colourful seating which will be installed.

Bosses of the new Light Cinema say tables will also be placed between the seats for a 'VIP' experience.

Phil Dove, general manager for Light, said the scheme would create 31 jobs, including 15 full-time positions, when it went live on March 18.

He said: "This cinema will make watching a film a really enjoyable event. We are trying to promote it as a place of comfort, where the whole experience goes above and beyond the film."

The venue is the Light's fourth cinema in the UK and will boast 1,200 seats and eight screens. The largest screen will include 268 seats and the operator anticipates showing more than 200 films, operas, plays and concerts at the venue this year.

Mr Dove said Walsall would be getting a 'step up' in quality too because tables would be put in between each seat, instead of the usual cup holders.

He said: "We have sacrificed some of the capacity to cater for the tables but our feeling is the cinema is only likely to sell out six or seven times a year. We wanted to focus on quality, which means all seats have a great view. You can't pay for upgrades because every ticket will be VIP and customers will not get charged extra for booking fees or to see 3D films.

"Popcorn will be made fresh everyday and we'll also be making fresh coffee in our cafe bar. Beers and wine will be served and can be taken into the film. We'll be selling real ales, which have been sourced locally, alongside the usual beers.."

Ex-gang member led police on 90mph chase

A FORMER gang member allegedly playing an important role in efforts to bring peace in a West Midland turf war has been jailed for 12 months.

Simeon Moore led police on a terrifying chase through parts of Walsall and Bloxwich at three times the 30mph limit, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The 33-year-old father of two raced along at up to 90mph.

And he was travelling at 45mph or more when he tore through three sets of red lights without stopping, said Mr Paul Spratt, prosecuting. At one stage Moore, of Cleeve Road, Bloxwich, turned off the lights on his car as he sped through residential streets, careered over a level crossing in Leamore Lane, Walsall, at 80mph and reached 60mph past Bloxwich police station.

He bounced over speed bumps in Cresswell Crescent, Bloxwich, at 70 mph, hit a kerb wrecking a wheel and abandoned the car. Then he refused to give a breath test after being arrested. Mr Spratt said: "There were 14 instances of dangerous driving during the pursuit."

Violence

Moore ignored a police request to stop after cutting across lanes while heading towards Walsall shortly after leaving the M6 at Junction 10 around 5.30am on October 24 last year. He was once affiliated to the Johnson Crew and had been credited with stopping violence between that gang and the rival Burger Bar Boys in the past.

Mr Roy Robinson, a 56-year-old described as an independent adviser on gang violence to Home Secretary Theresa May, told the court: "He came under severe pressure from gang members after making the transition and leaving that kind of lifestyle.

"We have had a massive rise in gang violence in Birmingham recently with kids as young as 12 and 13 firing guns but because of his background they look up to him. He is valuable to us and our efforts to control the situation."

Miss Nicola Hunter, defending, said: "Society would be better off if the defendant was allowed to carry on with this work rather than being sent to prison." But Moore, who admitted dangerous driving and failing to give a sample for analysis, was sent to prison by Recorder Ciaran Rankin.

Centre jumps to it for opening

Jumping Janine Doyle from the centre, which has just opened at the former Pickfords removal site

A NEW trampoline centre has bounced on to the scene in the Black Country. Jump Nation opened is doors on Saturday at the former Pickfords removals site at Bentley Hill Way, Walsall.

With 218 wall-to-wall trampolines it is the biggest centre of its kind in Europe. Michelle Ball, managing director and co-founder of Jump Nation, said: "We are thrilled to open a brand new arena in Walsall and we're so excited to welcome a whole new set of visitors to the Jump Nation experience." There is a 'Slam Dunk' area combining a high-octane combination of basketball with trampolines, there are half pipes, 3D dodgeball as well as a dedicated area for children under six.

Mrs Ball and her husband Matthew have created their own take on the concept after seeing one on Supernanny USA and being unable to find one in the UK. The couple opened their first in 2014 in Manchester.

There are a wide range of classes for toddlers and adults as well as sessions tailored for fitness or people with autism. The centre also has three party rooms which can accommodate celebrations for children, adults, stag and hen dos.

There are different opening times for children and adults. For details log onto www.jumpnation.com

NEWS IN BRIEF

Railbridge works miss deadline

HEAVILY delayed railway bridge works in Walsall are behind schedule and unlikely to be completed this month transport bosses have said.

The bridge at North Street is being rebuilt as part of a £30 million scheme towards the electrification of the Chase Line.

Bridge work

The route has been shut since last year but the borough council had stated the works were due to finish this week. However now Network Rail have confirmed the works will continue. The transport authority has stated that the road closure is set to be in place until Monday, February 29.

Also being rebuilt as part of the electrification scheme are the rail bridges at Central Drive and Park Street.

TGI Fridays to open at complex

ANOTHER restaurant, part of the £12 million Waterfront complex in Walsall, is to open this week, it has been announced.

TGI Fridays, which serves mainly American food, will open tomorrow, Friday. Dozens of jobs have been created for the new restaurant.

TGI Fridays' other restaurants in the West Midlands are in Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield and Solihull.

It will join the likes of Chiquitos, Hungry House, Pizza Express and Bella Italia. The Light Cinema, which will be the centrepiece of the multi-million pound development, is set to open next month.

Girls sought to be part of fair

ORGANISERS of a fair are searching for this year's Queen and Princess. Two girls are needed to fill the roles for the Rushall May Fayre on May 2 at Rushall Playing Fields.

The May Princess needs to be seven to nine years old and the Queen needs to be 10 years old or above.

The chosen girls will be crowned at the May Fayre and will receive a prize of a photographic session with a special photograph kindly donated by Eileen Mason Photography. For a form please ring 01922 442956.

Male voice choir in concert at church

WALSALL Harmonic Male Voice Choir is giving a concert at St Peter's Church in Stonnall next Friday, February 26. The evening kicks off at 7.30pm and all proceeds are in support of the church friends group.

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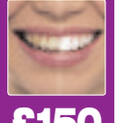
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THAT awkward moment on Crimewatch when a mugshot of a criminal bore a striking resemblance to presenter Jason Mohammed, takes me back to the 1970s when I was working Oop North. A handbag snatcher struck. His shocked victim, who barely saw the robber, said he looked a bit like a sports reporter on the local paper, whose byline photo appeared in every edition. The cops went to the newspaper office and took away the bewildered, and blameless, hack for questioning.

MORE things we believed in childhood. A reader writes: "As a youngster who had to attend Sunday School, I could never understand how Jesus was born on December 25 and died at Easter but managed to become a man and perform countless miracles in three or four months." And a lady who grew up in the 1950s recalls: "I believed you got pregnant by sitting in the back row of the cinema. I turned down many dates as a consequence until I eventually found out the truth."

ACCORDING to some reports, holiday bookings to Turkey are down 40 per cent because British trippers are scared of terrorist attacks. Well, that's one explanation. Another is that we have seen the world's biggest and most brutal people-smuggling operation grow and thrive under the eyes of the Turkish authorities, threatening our borders and littering the Mediterranean beaches with drowned children. Does Turkey deserve our custom?

A 44-year-old stalker who pestered the One Show presenter Alex Jones turned up at court wearing a back-to-front baseball cap. He was served with a restraining order. Come to think of it, if every male over 40 who wears a baseball cap the wrong way around were held under house arrest, wouldn't the world be a happier place?

SPARE us the attempted posthumous conversion of Terry Wogan. He was a declared lifelong atheist. Yet some want to turn the Godless Wogan into something else. Their argument goes: Terry was a good man, therefore he was close to God. The idea that an atheist might be a good person doesn't even enter their thinking. Wogan saw the real, unfair world, including the nastier side of Catholicism, and drew his own conclusions: no God, no Heaven, no Hell, just the eternal goodness of humanity. Wogan was a good atheist and his views should be respected, not turned upside-down by the God-botherers.

THEY are not cardboard, metal, textile or paper. They are not compostable and they aren't electrical goods. So how do I recycle my old hot-water bottle?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Schoolgirl admits bomb hoax call

A 14-YEAR-OLD from the Black Country who made a hoax bomb call to a school was told by magistrates she only avoided custody because of her age.

The teenager phoned a school on January 28 and said 'you have 24 minutes to evacuate' after being 'egged on by a friend' to make the threat, a court heard. The school was evacuated following the phone conversation and police were called, Sandwell magistrates were told.

The call was made amid a number of unrelated bomb hoaxes at schools across Sandwell – including Tipton, Wednesbury, West Bromwich and Oldbury – in the past month. Standing before the court with her mother on Monday, the girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, choked back tears as she apologised for her 'stupid' behaviour, saying that she 'immediately regretted' making the call after putting the phone down.

The girl, from West Bromwich, pleaded guilty to communicating false information about a bomb hoax. The teenager was given a 10-month referral order and ordered to pay £135 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge. Speaking to magistrates she said: "My friend egged me on to make the call and I was scared that if I didn't she would hit me. I want to say how sorry I am and that I will never do anything stupid like that again. I will choose my friends more wisely."

Chairman of the bench, Pastor Richard Brookes, said: "Perhaps it should be said that the only reason you are not being locked up today is because of your age."

Arthur Utley in uniform aged 18

Arthur, now 92, from Willenhall

Bernard Benson, 94, from Walsall

Bernard in his military uniform

Highest d'Honneur for Normandy heroes

FOUR heroes from the Black Country have been bestowed with France's highest military honour for their exploits in the Second World War. Normandy veterans Arthur Utley, Bernard Benson, George Stokes and Simeon Mayou have been awarded the Legion d'Honneur.

They were treated to a private reception with the mayor, their families and members of the French Embassy at Walsall Town Hall on Tuesday to mark their bravery. Each had received an invite to a meet-and-greet session from the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Angela Underhill.

Mr Utley, aged 92, from Willenhall, was called up in 1942.

He joined the Royal Army Ordinance Corps and began training with the King's Royal Rifles in York. Arthur, alongside many others, was transferred to a landing craft in the early hours of June 6, 1944, and crossed the channel without any knowledge of where he was heading.

He said of the ceremony: "It really came out of the blue, I really enjoyed the ceremony. My main memories from the war are from when we were transferred to the landing craft. It was a strange feeling, knowing you needed to be ready but not knowing where you were going."

Mr Stokes, aged 95, from Bloxwich, was a 26-year-old sergeant with 5th Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment, but was transferred to the Gordon Highlanders shortly after arriving in Normandy. His tank battalion protected Allies as they advanced into Belgium and Holland.

He said: "It was never a case of

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getting medals when we were out there. Everybody just had to go when they were called up. I was there when a big air raid on Caen happened, I saw a lot of destruction. One or two of my close colleagues died. You just went and did your best, do your duty and hope you make it back alive."

Mr Mayou, 92, is a D-Day landings veteran and ex-Liberal Democrat councillor for Pelsall, Walsall. From 1942, he served as a radar operator in the Royal Navy Patrol Service, protecting the North Atlantic convoys from mines and air bombardment.

He was also on board the first wave of ships providing support during the D-Day landings in 1944.

He said: "It's been an exciting day." Robert Mille, honorary consul for France in Birmingham, said: "I am here on behalf of the French people to express our undying and heartfelt thanks."

George Stokes, 95, from Bloxwich, protected Allied soldiers with his tank

Simeon Mayou, 92, of Pelsall, well remembers being told about the invasion

Industrial disease is ruling on ex-pitman

A PENSIONER who spent 40 years as a coal miner, struggled to breathe during his final days as he was dying of an industrial disease, an inquest heard.

Stanley Cotterill, from Aldridge, died of respiratory failure, brought on by a number of problems including pneumoconiosis and broncho-pneumonia, illnesses commonly associated with working down the mines.

Senior coronor Mr Zafar Siddique told Sandwell Coronor's Court that Mr Cotterill, had crackling and wheezing in his breath when he was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital. He died, aged 82, a short time after on October 2 last year at Aldridge Nursing Home.

Mr Siddique said: "He was admitted to hospital with pneumonia, he has crackling in his breathing and was wheezing.

"He was treated there for a short time before being taken to the nursing home for end of life care.

"After he died, a full post mortem examination was carried out and tissue samples were taken for a biopsy.

"He was found to have septal fibrosis and pulmonary fibrosis, problems in-keeping with coal workers.

"Sections of his liver and kidneys showed scarring. He was found to have broncho-pneumonia, pneumoconiosis and heart disease.

"The cause of death was respiratory failure as a result of problems he had contracted working as a coal miner."

Mr Siddique recorded a conclusion that Mr Cotterill's death was caused by industrial disease.

Burglaries see patrols on rise

POLICE patrols have been stepped up in a Walsall neighbourhood after a series of house burglaries.

Homeowners are being warned that burglars are climbing onto flat roofs to gain access to first floor windows of homes in Park Hall, Paddock.

The recent peak in incidents has forced West Midlands Police to increase uniformed and plain clothes patrols in the area.

Sergeant Richard Jacques from the Paddock neighbourhood team, said: "There has recently been a series of house burglaries in the Park Hall area whereby the burglars are climbing onto flat roofs to gain access by forcing open first floor windows.

"On occasion this prevents the alarm activating as many alarms are only set to cover the ground floor."

Special Melody night lined up for city club

A FORMER member of the Pussycat Dolls will be performing at a popular Wolverhampton nightclub later this month.

Melody Thornton will perform some of the group's biggest hits and meet fans at Popworld on February 26.

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Work set to begin over tackling road chaos

WORK is set to begin on a introducing a new one-way system on a Walsall street where ongoing traffic problems have been described as 'total chaos'.

The half a million pound project will see the entire stretch of Caldmore Road and Caldmore Green, to the south of the town, reduced to single direction traffic.

Phase one began on Sunday. A raft of other improvements to the route will also be introduced including new kerbing and footways, an improved pedestrian crossing, extra parking spaces as well as opening up the bus lane between Bradford Street and Dudley Street for all traffic.

The road has sparked concerns among residents, businesses and parents of schoolchildren with vehicles often having to mount the pavements to get past each other.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, deputy leader for Walsall Council, said: "I'm delighted that we have now agreed a start date for this important work.

"Anyone who has used this route or lives in the area will tell you that at times, it's just total chaos. We've had drivers and pedestrians risking their safety – with cars mounting the pavements just to get through – and the parking issues are a major headache for everyone.

"I think it's pretty self-evident that a one-way system will help make traffic flow.

"And because of the problems in the area and the impact on journey times, the bus companies have had to change their routes."

Australian man found by family

AN Australian man who went missing for 16 years has been found by his family, sleeping rough in Walsall.

Jason Ronald Douglas, now aged 36, is of aboriginal descent and thought to have been living homeless in the town for more than a decade.

A campaign launched by his family has raised more than 2,000 dollars to fund the costs to take him back home.

Mr Douglas had been living in the UK with his uncle, Timothy Andrews, while his family remained in Australia. But Mr Andrews died in 1999.

Mr Douglas sister Sally believes it took so long to find him because he was drifting from one part of the country to another. It also emerged that Mr Douglas believed his family had given up looking for him.

Bridge to shut down for work

A FOOTBRIDGE in Walsall will be closed as work is carried out to make it safer. Network Rail will be working on the bridge in Wednesbury Road to make parapets higher. Under new rules they need to be 1.8 metres.

Zulu war hero's medal fetches £50k

The medal which fetched nearly £50,000

A MEDAL won by a heroic soldier who fought against Zulu warriors in a bloody conflict has fetched nearly £50,000 at auction.

The medal of 1524 Private Joseph Bromwich 2-24th Foot, who fought in the Anglo-Zulu War, was sold to a Midlands private collector for £48,980.

It was inherited by a Black Country couple through their family, who had no idea of its value. Around 150 British and colonial soldiers defended a mission station in the Battle of Rorke's Drift in South Africa. The fight lasted for 12 hours and was against a Zulu force of thousands. It proved the inspiration for the 1964 blockbuster movie Zulu, starring Michael Caine and Stanley Baker.

Pte Bromwich, who is buried in an unmarked grave in Bilston, served in the battle, aged just 22, alongside his elder brother Charles. The medal was originally estimated to be sold for around £20,000 at Fieldings Auctioneers in Stourbridge.

Pte Bromwich was born in St Mary's, Warwick, on November 18 1856, enlisting into the 28th Brigade 24th Foot, Second Warwickshire, on August 27, 1877. He transferred the day after to the First Battalion 24th Foot, Second Warwickshires, and on January 31 1878 to B Company of the Second Battalion 24th Foot.

Pte Bromwich was discharged from the Army in 1882, suffering from hepatitis, and settled with Bilston-born wife Betsy, in Aston, opening a boot and shoe repair shop.

His wife died in 1914 and the following year, he was diagnosed with cancer of the tongue. He died on February 25 1916, aged 60.

Tennis club's urgent search for new home

WALSALL'S only tennis club – which has been in the borough for 104 years – has launched a campaign to find a new home to secure its future.

Walsall Tennis Club's lease runs out in 2019 and it is concerned that if it doesn't find somewhere else to play then it will be forced to close.

The club, based in Birmingham Road, has been going since 1912 and has around 250 members.

Club chairman Brian McBride said: "During the years in which I have been chairman, as well as several more under my predecessors Nick Clarke and the late Marlene Sanders, every effort has been made to secure a new long-term lease for the club from its landlords.

"There have been periods of raised hopes but all have been met with subsequent disappointments.

"Yet, despite this we are a vibrant club with not just a rich 104-year heritage to protect but also, as the sole remaining tennis club in Walsall, a solid membership base which comprises almost 250 members, half of whom are enthusiastic aspiring juniors, and an exceptionally talented pool of competitive team players."

Solution

The club's committee has spent years trying to find a long-term solution but they said now the time had come to make their fears public and formally launch a campaign to save it.

A funding page has been set up in hope of generating £10,000 towards relocation plans and already more than £6,000 has been pledged to boost the drive.

Out of the money raised so far more than £1,000 has been donated towards a 24-hour tennis marathon set to take place at the National Tennis Centre in London on February 20.

The event will be led by professionals Danny Sapsford and Luke Milligan playing against clubs around the country, including Walsall, for the duration.

While Ellis Souster will be taking to the skies on the same date to do a skydive, which has already generated more than £1,500 in donations.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can visit mydonate.bt.com and search for Walsall Tennis Club. Alternatively, a link to the page is available on the club's own website.

Light at end of delayed tunnel works

THERE is light at the end of the tunnel for motorists as a delayed multi-million pound project finally nears completion.

The process of lowering the road beneath the aqueduct in Bentley Mill Way, Darlaston, to make it easier for lorries to get under, along with other works, was due to finish at the end of last year.

However delays, due to problems with the road surfacing, have pushed the project back, with work now set to finish by April.

Bentley Mill Way, which acts as a thoroughfare route for businesses in the area and is located near to the Showcase Cinema and Grosvenor Casino, has been closed to drivers and pedestrians since October 26, 2014.

Workers have widened the road and installed new traffic signals near to the 200-year-old aqueduct to remove the potential for head-on collisions as more than four miles of diversions have been put in place.

Darlaston Councillor Doug James said he was eager to see the work finish following the delays.

Traffic signals are also being installed at the new junction between Darlaston Road and Bentley Mill Way, with the new junction being created by reducing access from Cemetery Road and creating a new carriageway.

A footpath will also be included along the west of Bentley Road South and a cycle and footpath will be installed along the east.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, Walsall Council's deputy leader, said: "It is brilliant news that work is nearly finished.

"When it is done, the impact on business not just in Darlaston, but across all of Walsall, will be huge."

The road at Bentley Mill Way in Darlaston, which has been lowered

NEWS IN BRIEF

£160K skate park gets green light

WORK will start on a £160,000 skate park in Walsall after planning permission was given for the proposal.

The project for the park has been more than two years in the making driven by community group The Friends of Rushall Park along with Walsall Council. Funding has been obtained for the development by members of the Highfield South Trust who secured the money through the Landfill Tax Communities Fund.

Councillor Anthony Harris, community chief, has previously declared it would be a 'fantastic facility'.

Gas leak prompts main road closure

A GAS leak prompted a closure to part of the main road through Great Wyrley, causing buses to be diverted.

The small section of road on High Street between Landywood Lane and Mount Pleasant was shut off since last Wednesday. Staffordshire County Council confirmed the closure was to 'fix an emergency gas escape'.

A public notice said that the closure would be enforced because of the likelihood of danger to the public during gas escape repair work. Arriva Midlands said services 2, 2E and 70 were being diverted during the works.

Police dog finds suspect in shed

A BUMBLING would-be thief was found hiding in a garden shed by a police dog after it was alleged he attempted to steal a car. Police dog Brooke was the hero as a 29-year-old man was discovered inside a shed in Cramlington Road, Great Barr.

The man, from West Bromwich, was arrested on suspicion of trying to steal a vehicle on Booths Farm Road.

Police were called at 2am last Wednesday following reports of an attempted theft.

Ramblers are going on the road again

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers are holding two walks this Valentines weekend.

On Saturday the group goes on a four mile walk around Park Lime Pits and the Arboretum.

The meeting point is the car park at Oak Park Leisure Centre at 9.30am.

On Sunday, the group is heading to Colwich for a 10-mile circular walk.

The information for that walk can be obtained by calling the walk leader on 01922 372204.

Nine-mile ramble

CHASE Ramblers head off on a moderate nine-mile walk from Ellastone, between Uttoxeter and Ashbourne, this weekend. The meeting point on Sunday is Hednesford railway station car park, Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. Call Barry on 01543 684254, for more details.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Expensive hush while day centre is suffering

NOBODY who has followed the fortunes of Wolverhampton Council for the past few years can be unaware of the massive cuts to services the authority has been imposing.

Looking at the bigger picture, £146 million worth of savings over the next three years seems hard to comprehend. But it is the smaller stuff which really makes a difference. Take, for example, the Columba Day Centre which cares for people suffering from dementia. It used to be funded by the council, but now faces possible closure unless £150,000 can be raised.

It is in this context that we learn Wolverhampton Council has spent nearly £8m of public money over the last five years buying the silence of departing staff. Yes, that's right. Since 2011/2, the cash-strapped council has spent almost £8m on ensuring people do not talk publicly about their work or the reasons why they have left.

In the past eight months alone, while the authority has been busy warning us about draconian cuts it has spent £1.8m on clauses to keep people quiet. What beans they thought their former staff were going to spill, we will probably never know. But one can only assume that some of it was not going to be entirely positive.

Perhaps £8m does not seem a great amount of money to an organisation handling hundreds of millions of pounds, but it would keep the Columba Day Centre, and dozens of other small, local services, for that matter, running for a good few years. Silence is golden, so the saying goes. And very expensive, by the sound of things.

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NEARLY 50,000 people have signed a petition calling for the north of England, from Liverpool, Sheffield and Hull upwards, to join with Scotland in a new independent state.

Actually, I use the term petition loosely. It is another one of these Change.org online campaigns, where busybody activists spend their days furiously tapping away at their computer screens believing they can change the world through a website.

Still it raises an interesting question about how relevant the values of Westminster are to the rest of the UK, although I fear they have missed the point slightly.

There is not so much a north-south divide in modern Britain, but a chasm between London and the rest of Britain. The answer is surely not for the north of England to join with Scotland, but for London – or Islington, Camden and Notting Hill at the very least – to be declared an independent principality like Monaco.

Let them worry about tofu, diversity and cycle lanes, and the rest of us will create a new capital city for the rest of Britain. Somewhere central. In the Black Country maybe?

Soundtrack specialist Clint works through an idea on guitar

At work on the piano, movie music master Clint Mansell

In his hellraiser days, Clint fronts the band Pop Will Eat Itself

Dark times gave Clint fuel for his creativity

From the Black Country to New York and Hollywood... soundtrack writer Clint Mansell talks to **ANDY RICHARDSON**

HIS accent hasn't changed a bit. Clint Mansell may have become one of Hollywood's most important and successful soundtrack writers and been nominated for an Oscar but he still sounds like the same guy who used to drink at The Mitre in Stourbridge, back in the day.

The former dreadlocked-hell-raiser of The Stourbridge Scene, who led Pop Will Eat Itself into the charts during 10 inglorious years, has not developed any airs and graces. There are no delusions of grandeur, no ideas above his station. He's the same humble and intensely creative man that he ever was.

"Y'alright, man," he says, down the line from Los Angeles. He's in poor shape today, he's only had about four hours sleep. "I've got this right stinking cold. I can't shift it. I've had it for four months."

Charts

Clint's story is one of the most remarkable in the West Midlands. He formed PWEI and gatecrashed the charts on a wave of sample-driven, industrial indie rock. Get The Girl! Kill The Baddies! hit the top 10 while X Y & Zee, Dance Of The Mad, Touched by the Hand of Cicciolina and RSVP weren't far behind. But it was tunes like Beaver Patrol, Def. Con. One., Can U Dig It? and Wise Up! Sucker that cemented their status as cult heroes. They paved the way for The Wonder Stuff, Ned's Atomic Dustbin and a plethora of others.

"I still come back to Stourbridge," he says. "I see my parents there three or four times a year. That whole scene was good to me. We had the best time.

"I remember signing on on a Wednesday and the van would be waiting around the corner to take us out of town and do a gig somewhere for £50. We weren't The Rolling Stones.

The Wrestler, Black Swan, Noah and Moon are among Clint Mansell's acclaimed film scores

We were renting vans from Value Van Hire at Brierley Hill then hitting the road in search of a good time."

Clint and bandmate Graham Crabb wrote most of the Poppies tunes until the band split in 1996.

"We'd been doing that for 10 years and Adam, Graham, Richard, Fuzz and myself had been together as friends for the best part of 15 years. We were all very much at a loss. The band sort of becomes your identity. I imagine it's similar to anyone who's been made redundant. You identify yourself through the things that you do. It took me at least three or four years to get back on my feet."

Clint went to New York. "I was lost, really. I was pretty broke as well. Suddenly you go from being in a successful band to not doing a great deal. The thing that kept me going must have been some kind of delusion. I was 33, I had no experience of anything other than writing songs. I just wanted to give it a shot in New York.

"If it hadn't have worked out I'd just have gone back to Stourbridge to do whatever I would have been doing. Sometimes you have to chance. Don't get me wrong, it's been a lot of hard work. I've done 60 film scores.

"But without having taken that risk I'd never have gotten here. I'd missed the train to settle down and have kids. There were no other options."

In New York, Clint hooked up with the film director Darren Aronofsky, a Harvard University alumni who has subsequently been nominated for an Oscar and created such films as The Wrestler, the 300 million-dollar-grossing Black Swan and the 350 million-dollar-grossing Noah.

"Back in the day, with the band, I'd pay my dues by playing JB's in Dudley, or The Hummingbird in Birmingham. When I started writing film scores, it was the same. At first, I was totally out of my depth. But I learnt a lot. After I'd done 10 or 12 films, I felt like I was getting the hang of it.

"It was very fortuitous to meet Darren. It changed the course of both of our lives. It turned out that our sensibilities matched up. Because he delves into the dark side, if you like.

Liberating

"For me, there were a lot of dark times during that transition from PWEI to being a film score writer. But those dark times gave me fuel."

Clint's moody and elegiac music dovetailed perfectly with Darren's films.

"It was totally different from being in the band. Then, we'd write songs for ourselves. We'd write about anything we liked. But when you write for a film you have to serve the film and go with the director's wishes. But in a weird way, that's very liberating."

Clint scored Darren's debut film, Pi, and was retained to score the next, Requiem For A Dream, which featured the composition Lux Aeterna. The piece has been used in film and trailers while a version was re-orchestrated for choir and full orchestra on The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. Not bad for a fella from Stourbridge who used to spend most of his time drunk.

There have been more successes, most notably the scores to The Fountain, Smokin' Aces, The Wrestler, Black Swan and Moon. Clint's work is ubiquitous; featuring on Top Gear, Lost, The Da Vinci Code and in computer games.

"I've been very fortunate that I've been able to do what I've wanted while putting some bread on the table. I know I'm not right for every other film. It has to speak to me. It has to draw on something that's within me because I feel then that I can bring something to the table."

Uneasy Listening: An Evening With Clint Mansell plus special guests is at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on March 23. Tickets, priced £22.50 or £27.50, are available at www.thsh.co.uk or from the box office on 0121 780 4949.

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Questions remaining over the EU

I SEE the EU is in the news again, papers, TV reports, etc.

Do most people understand what it is exactly or what it does?

When our elections come up all parties, etc, are on TV rambling on about what they are going to do for us.

Could not for once there be a slot to explain what the EU is and does?

Questions to ask, such as: What is the EU? Where is the EU? Who decides to run it? Why does it dominate the UK? How much does it cost us? What if we pull out? What if we stay in? Why be told to run our country the way 'they' want?

Sad thing is the public has no real say in this or the outcome. Just hope that when Cameron debates for the UK, he gives us a chance to run our own UK. We give enough away to others, let's just for once keep some for the UK needs.

J W DAVIS
Walsall

PS I think some people think that the Common Market is where we buy our fruit and veg.

War heroes would turn in graves

CAMERON has come back from Brussels with nothing.

The half-measures he claims as a victory in Europe will be ignored, derailed or repealed as soon as the referendum is over.

The worst of it all is that our Prime Minister knows that and is still prepared to charge blindly into the abyss. Our true heroes of 70 years ago must be turning in their graves to our capitulation to the unelected mandarins of Europe to whom we now bow down.

Bear in mind that the European economy, although not as buoyant as ours, is currently in the middle of calm waters.

If the world economy dips, and China is a true and distinct threat then all the old problems of Portugal, Italy, Greece and Spain will return. All this is stored up and I haven't mentioned the migration problem.

It is obvious to me that we have joined the European experiment for the last 40 years and we don't like it.

Let's get out of it now. If we can flourish, and I think we can, marvellous. If we sink, we can at least say it's our own fault.

D POTTINGER
West Bromwich

Pavement parking is a blight on town

THE blight of pavement parkers is raising concerns in 'hotspot' streets in Darlaston and Moxley.

We should all be able to walk or travel on pavements without worrying about vehicles blocking our way. Vehicles parked on pavements are forcing children to walk unsafely in the roads.

Local people using mobility scooters, parents with baby buggies and, those in wheelchairs can feel unsafe in their own streets.

Due to the increase in car ownership, and the failure of the authorities to develop a coherent plan in estates for additional parking, communities are suffering as a result of low investment and short term planning.

Action is being progressed to liaise with Walsall Council and enforcement officers responsible for pavement parking fines and enforcement action. I am recommending that 'letters of advice' are sent to vehicle owners and, one to one discussions take place before persistent 'obstructers' are penalised. Let's all work together and, find solutions to this local dilemma.

CLLR DOUG JAMES
Walsall

Making TV licences fairer

RE: Councillor Pete Smith and BBC TV licence fee. The only fair way to do TV licensing is to scrap the licensee system and go to a pay-as-you-go system. So anyone who wants to watch BBC TV, can buy a card with an allotted number and the system then deducts 50p a day. You pay nothing if you don't want to watch BBC programmes.

Allow BBC to advertise as well, I am sure people can afford 50p a day if they want to watch the BBC.

BRIAN PARKER, Pelsall

Sympathy over illness

I WAS disgusted to hear about the treatment of Janet Baker, a lady from Gloucester suffering from Parkinson's disease, by a bus driver. Ms Baker had her bus pass confiscated and was thrown off the bus because the driver reportedly did not believe that she was disabled. Symptoms of Parkinson's include shakes, bad co-ordination and slurred speech. The nervous system is affected.

Apparently Ms Baker has in the past been labelled a drunk by people who know absolutely nothing about this dreadful illness.My autism has driven patrons at my local pub, the Lazy Hill, to think the same of me, even before I've started my first pint. I have also been branded stupid, insane and lazy, among other things, despite working for the NHS and currently studying with the Open University for a BSc in Computing and IT.

S FLANAGAN
Aldridge

Madness of lotto rollovers

I WAS in Walsall Town Centre trying to get my shopping done.

Every place I passed that sold lottery tickets, there were queues of people trying to get tickets.

My personal opinion was, they were mad to buy a ticket, as I said to my friend who was with me, it would definitely not be another rollover, it will be won. It was.

I think it's time for enquiries into why was it allowed to rollover to that amount of times. And the same has happened to the Irish Lotto but they don't have rollovers do they?

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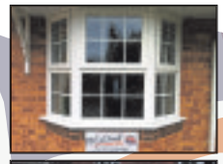

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'Don't be burgler' begs Holly, 6, after break-in

Holly Crabtree's letter to the thieves

Holly seen with her parents Kerry and Wayne and brother Joe, aged 13

A SIX-year-old girl has penned a heartfelt message to thieves who ransacked her home – urging them not to be a 'burgler'.

'Please don't be a burgler - you have a high chance of making people not feel safe," Holly Crabtree wrote.

The spelling may not be perfect but the youngster certainly gets her emotional message across.

Holly decided to pen the open letter after burglars struck at her home in Redwood Way, Willenhall, while she and her family were out on a shopping trip.

The thieves broke in via a laundry window, and rifled the bedrooms. They stole jewellery – including Pandora charms given to Holly as baptism bracelet from her brothers – and electrical items, including an iPad and Xbox. In her letter, Holly writes: "Ever since you burgled my house I felt like I wasn't safe in my house, like I kept hearing noises, so I though you might of come back.

"The way you get money is not by stealing, the way to get money is by getting a job," she tells them.

The family own three cats, Aurora, Lilly and Cleo, one of which they had let out on the day of the burglary.

One of the first things the family noticed was that the cat was in the house again, which wouldn't have been able to happen without them letting her in.

Holly makes reference to this by writing: "I wish my cat could tell me everything."

She adds: "When you burgle someone your not doing what God wants you to do. Your not even following any Christian values. So please don't be a burgler."

Her parents Wayne and Kerry said Holly decided to write the letter herself as she was so upset and frightened by the burglary. "She couldn't sleep at night," said Mrs Crabtree, aged 43.

"She keeps jumping at noises in the house and I think she just wanted them to know how she felt about it all. I had no idea she was doing it. When she showed me I was so surprised and proud of her," she said.

She added: "We noticed that the cat was in when we had let her out in the morning and that seemed odd. I said to Holly, it's a pity they can't tell us what happened.

"It's made me worried that they'll come back again or that we'll be in the house next time."

An Xbox, Playstation 3 and an ipad were stolen from 13-year-old son Joe's room, though his 16-year-old brother Alex's room was left almost untouched in the break-in on January 23.

Police say they are trawling through CCTV for clues. Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

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Junior doctors strike over contracts

Junior doctors gather in protest outside Walsall Manor Hospital Picture: Gaurav Popli

'IT is not safe and that is why we are here today.' Junior doctors at Walsall Manor Hospital spoke of their frustration as they went on strike for the second time in a space of a month.

A group gathered with placards, banners and posters for the 24-hour walkout as part of the ongoing dispute over new contracts last Wednesday.

The major sticking point in the dispute is over weekend pay and whether Saturday should be largely classed as a normal working day. No procedures were cancelled at the hospital – but hundreds were elsewhere in the region. Doctor Miranvir Jaspal, BMA leader at Walsall Manor Hospital, said: "We are already struggling as a workforce as a whole. We don't want to be on strike and for it to get to this point. We don't have much belief Jeremy Hunt will listen."

Junior doctor Fatima Mansour said: "We want to highlight that we already provide at the weekend emergency services as well as in-patient care. What the Government is proposing is to increase the workload per week without extra resources.

"If the new plans come in we are not going to be able to support our patients. It is not safe and that is why we are here today." The latest action followed a strike over the same issue in January. Eight operations and 188 appointments were cancelled at New Cross Hospital as a result of the strike last month.

Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, insisted doctors are getting a 'fair deal', calling the strike 'very damaging'. He said: "The job of health secretary is to do the right thing for patients and we have now had eight studies in the last five years that have shown that mortality rates at weekends are higher than they should be. And my job is to do something about that."

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Hippodrome date for dance students

Dance students from left back, Ann-Marie Wood, Chelsea Cowley, Emily Hartshorne, and front, Faye Bolan

TALENTED Walsall College dance students were selected to perform the 'curtain raiser' at the Birmingham Hippodrome during the latest production of Sleeping Beauty.

Level 3 students at the college, Ann-Marie Wood, 18, Chelsea Cowley, 17, Emily Hartshorne, 18, and Faye Bolan, 16, took to the stage as part of an ensemble, performing a five-minute dance piece before Mathew Bourne's production began. The short piece, 'The Beauties Awake', is a brand-new dance inspired by themes from the main show.

The students were given the honour after impressing judges during the auditions process, where hundreds of hopefuls tried out and only 29 were selected. They have been attending regular rehearsals and working with a professional choreographer and two members of Mathew Bourne's New Adventures cast.

Matthew Bourne OBE is widely hailed as the UK's most popular and successful choreographer and director. He is the creator of the world's longest running ballet production, a five-time Olivier Award winner, and the only British director to have won the Tony Award for both Best Choreographer and Best Director of a Musical. Performing Arts lecturer at Walsall College, Julie Wright said: "We are very proud of the students and can't wait to see them showcase their talents on stage.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to build up their experience of performing to a live audience and working in a professional environment.."

Faye said: "So far the whole experience has been very challenging but I feel I've learnt so much. I'm really excited about performing in front of a large crowd."

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Online business nets coveted title

Online Marketing Surgery directors David Khan and Carly Simpson with their award

AN online marketing business has been named Business of the Year at a an awards ceremony. Online Marketing Surgery (OMS) won the title at the In Touch With Walsall anniversary and awards gala. Directors of OMS – based in Cannock – David Khan and Carly Simpson were presented with the trophy after other companies in the area voted for them to receive the accolade. Mr Khan said: "We are absolutely thrilled to be named Business of the Year.

"We love helping businesses grow, and it gives us great pleasure that some of our clients have voted for us."

The annual event, held at The Goldmine Centre in Lower Hall Lane, Walsall, saw some of the biggest charities, manufacturers and community organisations from across the West Midlands competing for the coveted award.

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Body of cat found tied to cable over wall

THE dead body of a cat has been found hanging over a garden wall, suspended by a piece of cable.

The RSPCA is now desperately trying to find the owners of the black male cat, thought to be aged around five, that was discovered in a garden in Walsall at the weekend. They believe it was a pet.

By Lisa Wright

It was wearing a collar, coloured brown with blue cat footprints. The macabre discovery was made in a garden in Green Lane, Shelfield on Saturday morning.

The RSPCA is investigating and is appealing for information about who the cat belongs to.

RSPCA inspector Laura Bryant said: "I was horrified and heartbroken to find this poor animal in this awful way. The cable, a charger lead, was tied very tightly around his neck and then thrown over a brick wall from which he was suspended. It was a macabre, and very upsetting, sight.

"It is hard to know for sure what happened, and whether the cat was already dead before he was hung, but his nails were all broken which indicates a struggle.

"Unfortunately he has no microchip so we don't know if there is an owner out there looking for him, as seems likely from the collar he was wearing. We urge anyone with information about who he may belong to, or how he may have ended up in this terrible situation, to call us in complete confidence."

The attack on the pet is the latest incident of cruelty in the borough after a spate of cats were shot by air rifles last year.

Five cats were targeted in the Walsall Wood and Aldridge areas between April and June. One cat had to be put down after being hit by a pellet in her spine, while another suffered a broken leg which required an operation to fix.

Anyone with information on the latest attack should call the RSPCA on the charity's hotline 0300 123 8018.

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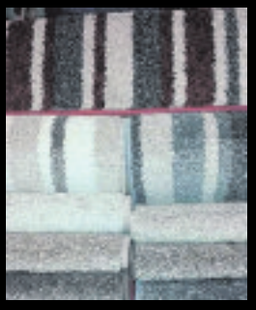

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Illegal petrol fraudsters evaded nearly £1m in tax

A GANG evaded almost £1million in taxes while operating an illegal petrol station in an 'organised fraud' from an industrial estate in the Black Country.

Frank Daley, his son Jacob O'Callaghan and Danny Williams, all from Wolverhampton, sold 1.2 million litres of kerosene as fuel from the site in Willenhall over a five-year period.

They were jailed for a combined total of more than six years at Stafford Crown Court last week.

The fraud came to light when police officers stopped O'Callaghan in a van containing 1,000 litres of kerosene, normally used as home heating oil.

Daley, aged 54, of Tudor Road, Heath Town, first began the illegal business from unit 16 off Phoenix Road in 2009.

Five and a half years – Francis Daly

10 months' jail – Jacob O'Callaghan

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Evasion

The court heard how Daley, described as the lynchpin of the operation, avoided paying £769,122 in fuel duty and £177,236 in VAT.

He was sentenced to five and a half years for fraudulent evasion of exercise duty and four-and-a-half years to run concurrent for avoiding VAT following a trial.

O'Callaghan, aged 26, of Fitzmaurice Road, Ashmore Park, was described by Judge Jonathan Gosling during the sentencing as an industrious worker who had served in the Army for two years.

But he was sentenced to 10 months in prison for his two-year involvement in the conspiracy after admitting the same offences, which saw him avoid paying £377,516 in duty and £87,146 in VAT. Williams, aged 23, of Hampton Road, Oxley, had been part of the scam for five months.

He had already pleaded guilty of a single charge of fraudulent evasion of excise duty for avoiding £126,151 and was given a six month sentence, suspended for 12 months.

Mr Peter McCartney, prosecuting, said: "Mr Daly ordered fuel from various legitimate suppliers using his own name and mobile number, as well as fictitious names and addresses when he received deliveries. From early 2011 he went by the name 'John'.

"By 2013 Jacob O'Callaghan was receiving deliveries to an address used by himself, which was then transferred to unit 16 in Phoenix Road."

The court heard how HM Revenues and Customs became involved in May 2014 and installed cameras around unit 16, which showed a constant stream of vehicles coming into the unit throughout the day.

Revenue officers raided the premises on May 22, 2014, arrested the men and seized fuel pumps, 1,500 litres of fuel and six vehicles, as well as equipment and paperwork, closing the site down.

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Garage rent rise fury

Back, from left, Councillor Pete Smith, John Berry, William Cook, Victor Lofthouse and Mick Bruffin. Front, Ray Pendrey

GARAGE rents in Walsall have been raised by almost 50 per cent, prompting an angry response from tenants.

Walsall Housing Group (WHG) has increased the weekly rents of its garages from £6.73 each week to £10 – a rise of 48 per cent. Ray Pendrey, chairman of Walsall Tenants and Resident's Federation, said: "There are people who are already struggling to make ends meet. They store a lot of things in the garage, not just cars and motorcycles, and a lot of people will struggle to find that extra £13 a month."

Tony Thompson, aged 54, from Rushall has had his garage for three years. He said: "We've been given 28 days to quit or do nothing and just accept the increase. They're not even allowing us any chance to negotiate based on this. It's a phenomenal increase. I keep a motorcycle in there, and I'm not able to put it on the road because of my insurance, so it's a real Catch-22 situation for me.

"I'm really disappointed with WHG springing this on us with absolutely no notice."

Gary Brookes, director of housing at WHG, said: "Following a review of other garage providers in the region, our board approved an increase in garage and garage plot rental. This will apply from April 4. The review found that we had kept garage rental very low for a number of years and that garage rental fees were substantially lower than others in the area. Commercial rents are around £30 a week in the area, so the new rate of £10 per week for tenants is still a favourable discount."

Fears for repeat of 2012 march mayhem

FAR-RIGHT protesters will march down the same street in Walsall where anti-Islam demonstrators created havoc four years ago, organisers have revealed.

Bricks, bottles and wooden planks were thrown, inflicting cuts and bruises to police officers when the English Defence League marched in Leicester Street in September 2012.

By Carl Jackson

Twenty eight people were arrested amid the clashes.

Now the United Patriots group, who announced last year they would be demonstrating in the town on February 27, have confirmed they will be meeting at Leicester Street on the day.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said: "It is where the EDL met three or four years ago and it kicked off big time. At the end of they day they do nothing to fuel community cohesion. In fact they do just the opposite. "My message is the same as always, we don't want you, we don't require you and we are better off without you. We are a very diverse society in Walsall and to all intent and purposes we live harmoniously together."

March organiser 'Liam Walsall' has coordinated the latest protest via his Facebook page of the same name.

He has confirmed the group would meet at midday on the Saturday and would march at 1pm although he has yet to disclose the route.

The event coordinator indicated that the intentions are for a peaceful march urging protesters on the day to 'try and engage with the public as we are there to address serious issues in the town'.

"We don't do this because we need to, we do it because our children need us to", Liam Walsall added in a later post.

The news that the protesters will be rallying at the heart of the town comes as a blow after another EDL march last year was successfully confined to Green Lane and Gallery Square.

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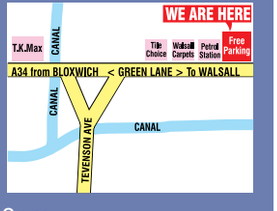

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Pupils choir in nursing home concert

The Grace Academy choir with resident Winnifred Griffin at the Willows Nursing Home in Wednesbury

A CHOIR of school pupils serenaded nursing home residents with their first public performance.

The Grace Academy Darlaston choir treated residents at The Willows Nursing Home in Wednesbury to a 'weather medley' of classics, including Beatles hit Here Comes The Sun and Katrina and The Waves classic Walking on Sunshine. Thirteen students took part in the performance, their first outside of the academy. The Grace Academy Choir is run by Michaela Duckett, head of music – keen to see the choir do more external performances and make a return visit to the nursing home. She said: "It was a pleasure to sing at The Willows Nursing Home in Darlaston."

Shortfall blamed for rating

WALSALL Manor bosses have blamed a lack of funding from the NHS, following the downgrade of the former Stafford Hospital, for an 'inadequate' Care Quality Commission inspection rating.

In the first public meeting since Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust was put into 'special measures' after the damning inspection report, the trust has opened up about the factors which have led to the hospital's demise.

Several chiefs pointed to a failed funding bid to the Trust Development Authority in 2014 for £14million after the A&E department at Stafford Hospital – now County Hospital – was downgraded to a 14-hour operation from around the clock.

Instead they received less than £10million.

In 2014/2015 the Manor saw 116,003 emergencies attendances to the department – an increase of 23 per cent compared to 2012/2013.

The department was only built to accommodate 40,000 visits. Chairman of the board Ben Reid said: "I have tried not to say it's someone else's fault.

"It is our fault but we had identified this and we were dismissed in the Mid-Staffs case. There is no point looking back, we have to look forward.

"But now we do have a very powerful case to say 'you didn't listen to us then, you have to listen to us now', otherwise Walsall will become a big problem for you.

"There is joint ownership of this problem."

Medical director Amir Khan declared that the bulk of funding following the downgrade of Stafford Hospital went to Royal Stoke in the north of Staffordshire and New Cross in Wolverhampton.

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Auster Alpha in front of the Maintenance Hangar at Pendeford

Wolverhampton Aero Club Piper Cherokee at Deauville

John Rushton under an Auster before departure in 1966 'looking for a shilling'

Peter Dunham John Rushton, Doug Parsons, Colin Johnson in front of the Cherokee

M Carter, D Wombwell, J Rushton, T Docherty who were in Deauville in 1965

When aero rally was also a top-flight feast

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

IN 1965 and 1966 Wolverhampton Aero Club, based at Wolverhampton Airport Pendeford, took part in the Royal Aero Club Rally to Deauville, Normandy.

Club members in assorted aircraft flew over and joined light aircraft from all over Great Britain, in a tradition which began in the 1930s.

For less than £10 expenses members could enjoy a weekend at the Royal Deauville Hotel at the invitation of the owner M.Lucienne Barriere.

Varied

The Royal Aero Club Deauville Rally usually involved more than 100 light aircraft and those taking part from Pendeford varied from wartime Tiger Moth biplanes, to thoroughly modern Piper Cherokee four seaters.

The rally was always in the heart of the summer, 1966 being on the weekend of June 4-5, so once in Normandy visitors took full advantage of the local golf courses, tennis courts, horse riding and beaches.

Meals in the Restaurant des Ambassadeurs in the hotel were sumptuous. The five-course dinner in 1966 was Melon de Provence, Cream of Tomato soup, Supreme de Turbot Cambaceres, Cotelettes de Veau Pojarski and Peches Melba , followed by toasts to the Queen and the President of France, then Charles de Gaulle.

Rare

In the days when package holidays to the Continent were uncommon, hiring an aircraft and popping over for a weekend at a fine resort in France was a rare experience, yet the annual Deauville Rallys were always oversubscribed.

Taking off in the shadow of Courtauld's tall 'Three Sisters' chimney stacks, and flying round the smoke of the Black Country and Birmingham, to land in sunny Normandy only three hours later was a rare treat.

And and those on the 1966 rally probably didn't realise then just how rare it was then, with the closure of Pendeford Airport only five years away.

J Rushton, Miss C Groom, Bob Offwood, M Carter being shown the route by A S Harper in front of his Tiger Moth

Grab a bargain at new Hospice shop

Nicola Brannen-Mott from St Giles Hospice, Councillor Kath Philips and Emma Hodges, St Giles Group chief executive

SHOPPERS in Walsall can grab a bargain at a new charity shop opened by St Giles Hospice.

Staff and volunteers have cut the ribbon on the new branch at Butlers Precinct, off St Paul's Street.

The new shop – which has moved from George Street – will help to fund vital care services for people living with cancer and other serious illnesses. It will sell clothing, accessories and bric-a-brac in aid of the Lichfield-based hospice. Nicola Brannen-Mott, area manager for St Giles Hospice, said: "Our Walsall shop has been a firm favourite with bargain hunters in the town for many years. We are now delighted to be able to re-open in new premises right near the heart of the town centre, which should hopefully make it even easier for shoppers and supporters to visit us.

"We were pleased to welcome customers old and new to raise a toast to our future success at the official opening."

More details about St Giles Shops are available by visiting the website at www.stgileshospice.com/shops

Court closures criticised

A DECISION to close magistrates courts in Sandwell and Stafford has been criticised by a solicitors' group, which has said it will 'serve to deepen the inequalities in the justice system'.

Responding to the Government's announcement that 86 courts will close in England and Wales, Law Society president Jonathan Smithers released a statement voicing his disappointment and concern for the future.

The Oldbury court is one of the 86 which will be axed to save money. Stafford Magistrates' Court will also shut between October and December this year with hearings transferred to Cannock.

Mr Smithers said: "We are disappointed that the Government is pressing ahead with the closure of so many courts. The majority of these closures will make it more difficult for a significant number of people to get to court, disproportionately affecting people living in rural areas, those with disabilities and lower income families.

"Combined with increases in court fees and reductions in eligibility for legal aid, many of the closures will serve to deepen the inequalities in the justice system.

"We welcome that five of the closures will not be going ahead and acknowledge that the Government intends to make changes to its proposals for 22 courts following evidence submitted by our members. We look forward to continuing discussions about the revised proposals in these areas to ensure that access to justice problems are mitigated.

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Bourne to be wild in fairy ballet re-vampire

Sleeping Beauty, Birmingham Hippodrome

MATTHEW Bourne's thrilling reinvention of Sleeping Beauty takes only the bare bones of Pepita's classic 1890 ballet but keeps Tchaikovsky's marvellous music largely intact.

The Bourne ultimatum is to entertain, and he does so lavishly with a production that blends grand ballet techniques with modern dance, even a hint of breakdance, in his irreverent approach that makes a familiar fairy tale weird again.

He freely rewrites the story to have the baby Aurora attended by vampire fairies and the evil fairy Carabosse (no Maleficent here) have a wicked son Caradoc to lustily pursue the princess years later. He then explains her gamekeeper suitor's one hundred year wait by having him turned into a vampire too.

Being a Bourne production, it's a sexy concoction with lots of dark humour – from a curtain-climbing puppet baby to selfie-generation urban explorers who open the act after the '100 year interval' moves from 1911 to 'last night'.

The only minus with this show, which has been revived from two years ago, was that the music was recorded. Few touring companies can afford an orchestra.

But the dancers were dynamic, the costumes and sets a gothic fantasy made real and the whole experience wildly romantic – it's a Bourne winner.

Leon Burakowski

The Jersey Boys cast: Ferriday, Webb, Corner and Griffiths Photo: Helen Maybanks

Work your way back to this great pop musical

THEATRE REVIEWS

Jersey Boys, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

THEY may have started out as 'four guys under a street lamp singing someone else's songs' but The Four Seasons went on to become one of the biggest names in music.

And it was all down to Hollywood star Joe Pesci. Of course, he wasn't big in the movies back then, but it was he who introduced Bob Gaudio to rest of the band – and the rest, as they say, is history.

And, while musicals are made based on the music of Queen and Abba, this one is the real deal. A genuine compelling and often heartbreaking tale of the New Jersey pals who spawned such timeless classics as Sherry, Let's Hang On, Walk Like A Man and Rag Doll.

The show-stopping musical tells of their highs and lows, from their law-breaking early days and line-up and name changes to their rise to the top via personal crises, tragedies and break-ups. But the one consistent theme is music that still stands the test of time.

Despite looking like a cross between Ardal O'Hanlon and John Bishop, Matt Corner could not be more perfectly cast as Frankie Valli. He has a stunning range and one can see him putting all his effort into hitting those high notes. He will reprise the role in the West End from March 15 as the musical celebrates its eighth year in London, now at the Piccadilly Theatre.

The harmonies between all bandmates (Sam Ferriday as Gaudio, Lewis Griffiths as Nick Massi and Stephen Webb as Tommy DeVito) were terrific, while the rest of the team could also not be faulted. They are one of music's most charismatic, enigmatic groups and theirs is a story that will never be tired of being told.

Oh What A Night? It certainly was. It runs at the Grand until Saturday.

Mark Shipp

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Highest A&E levels at Manor

WALSALL Manor Hospital has seen its highest number of patient admissions to A&E in a single month this winter.

The latest published figures reveal that in December there were 2,800 attendances – 800 more than anticipated and 400 more than the same month in 2014.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust has vowed to investigate the spike further fearing that if the increase in patients continues the hospital will struggle to cope. Chief, Richard Kirby said: "It was difficult but we avoided the very, prolonged periods of escalation we experienced last year. There was an extreme jump in emergency admissions.

"December saw the highest ever admissions. We are doing more work to understand better the reasons for this increase. If that is the new normal level we have got a real challenge on our hands."

Greater terrorist threat staying in EU, says Farage

UKIP leader Nigel Farage has said that staying in the EU will leave Britain 'even more vulnerable to terrorism' as he prepares to visit the Black Country for a public meeting on the EU referendum.

Mr Farage is set to head a panel of speakers at the 'Say No To The EU' event, being held at Wolverhampton's Dunstall Park racecourse on Saturday. He said: "If we vote to remain in this Union we will be helpless to stop the spread of EU legislation that holds back our economic potential and makes life hard for those who run small businesses.

"If we remain in this Union we will be even more vulnerable to terrorism and to the kinds of scenes that we saw in Cologne on New Year's Eve.

"The logical, practical and safe thing to do is to cut our ties with a failing political union and take back control of our lives. All it needs to defeat the big banks, the vested interests of the big businesses and our craven politicians is for you to believe in Britain and vote to leave this European Union."

The event is the latest in a series of public meetings held by the Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy (EFDD) group in the European Parliament.

Nigel Farage, who is in the Black Country for a public meeting

Membership

to take place on Saturday, the day after David Cameron is expected to present the final outcome of his renegotiations with the EU Commission over the UK's continuing membership of the EU.

Mr Farage added: "Our campaign to leave the EU is based on fact. It costs £55 million every single day for Britain to be a member of this European Union.

"Our Parliament is no longer sovereign and a majority of our laws are made for us by the EU. Our own Supreme Court can be overruled by a court in Luxembourg. Immigration into the UK is now running at record levels due to open borders we now share with the entire European Union.

"All I'm really asking is for the UK once again to become a self-governing, independent country," he said. "A country that makes its own laws, negotiates its own trade deals, is free to put its own national interest first and controls its own borders."

The event takes place after UKIP's inaugural West Midlands conference, which is set to feature a Muslim cleric as well as speeches from deputy leader Paul Nuttall and West Midlands MEPs Bill Etheridge, Jill Seymour and James Carver.

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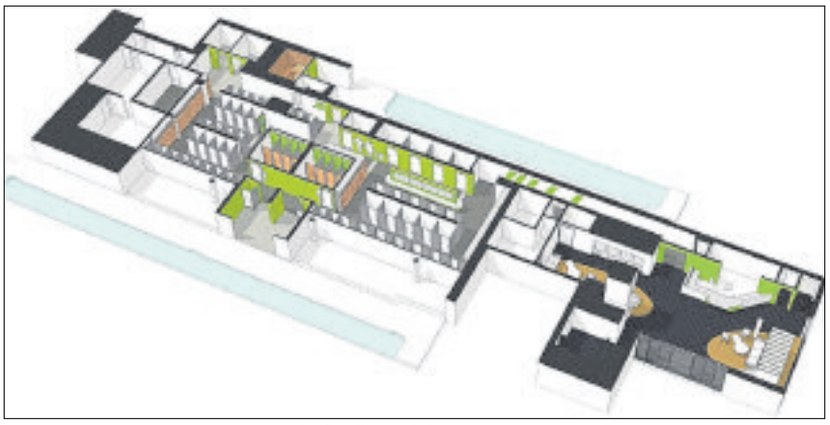

An artist's impression of the £1 million gala baths improvement which is under way

A LAYOUT design showing what a revamped swimming pool will look like when the £1million improvement works are finished have been released.

The work, which began at the back of end December, is expected to finish in early April.

Once opened, it is hoped the facility will go some way to tackling the city's obesity epidemic, with latest figures from Public Health England showing 68.9 per cent of the borough's population are carrying excess weight.

The improvements work will make the pool the only in the region with therapeutic warm salty water, while there will also be a remodelled entrance and reception area which is hoped will create a more accessible environment.

The exterior of Walsall Gala Baths, situated in Walsall town centre

Component

Through the inclusion of a new boom, the main pool will be transformed into a 25-metre competition pool equipped with a new warmer teaching pool while the old male and female changing rooms will be replaced with a modern unisex changing village and a sauna will be created.

Councillor Anthony Harris, who is the council's leisure and culture chief, said the baths would be a 'key component' of the council's plan to get 'more people, more active, more often'.

He said: "The improvements being carried out at the Gala baths will bring them up to date and in line with the borough's two brand new state of the art Active Living Centres at Bloxwich and Walsall Wood, opening this summer. Walsall residents will soon be able to make use of a comprehensive range of leisure facilities offering a fully integrated service throughout the borough. This is a key component of our drive to get more people, more active, more often."

Jobs boost as service station in revamp bid

ROADCHEF has revealed plans for a £4 million revamp of its M6 Toll service station which will create more than 150 jobs.

The proposal will see the building at the Norton Canes site almost double in size to accommodate a new restaurant and shops. Roadchef estimates that the scheme will create around 160 posts.

Norton Canes ward councillor Mike Hoare said: "I like the idea of something which brings extra jobs to the area."

Roadchef says the investment is to compete with the likes of Moto and Welcome Break as well as meet government requirements to encourage drivers to take regular breaks.

McDonald's and Spar have been revealed as the two big names which will be coming to the site.

The fast food restaurant will be in line with McDonald's state-of-the-art outlets where customers can use digital technology to order and pay for meals.

Spar will be the first convenience shop at the Norton Canes services.

The expansion plans, which have been submitted to Cannock Chase Council for planning consent, will create 160 additional jobs.

By Carl Jackson

A spokesman for development agents HOW Planning, on behalf of Roadchef, said: "Encouraging drivers to take regular breaks is the Government's primary objective for MSAs but if a facility doesn't meet modern consumer expectations they are unlikely to stop."

The station, between junctions T6 and T7, opened in March 2004 and plans for a similar re-development were approved in 2010 but never implemented.

Currently it houses a Costa, Fresh Food Café, WH Smith, Chozen Noodle and a Regus Express.

The proposed expansion would see the main building grow from 2,040 square metres to 3,470 square metres.

It would create more space for staff facilities as well as larger toilets and seating areas for customers.

M6 Toll put up for sale to fund banks

An aerial pic of the M6 Toll plaza near Great Wyrley and the A5

THE M6 Toll is being put up for sale by the banks that own it in a bid to get back the £1.9 billion they are owed.

They believe that the improving performance of the UK's only private motorway could make it a good time to sell. The move could put nationalisation of the road back on the table.

In its last set of financial figures, for 2014, operating company Midland Expressway Ltd cut its losses to £28.6 million, from £32.5m the year before. And traffic numbers have been improving. This has been put down to the UK's improving economy, as well as drivers looking for an alternative to the roadworks and heavy traffic clogging the M6 through the region.

The toll road, which charges cars £5.50 and lorries up to £11, has never reached the 75,000 vehicles a day predicted when it was opened in 2003. But the daily average has now risen to nearly 48,000 a day, with 17.4 million vehicles using the road in 2015.

And a 28 per cent surge in HGVs using the motorway in the last three months of 2015 will also raise hopes the road can bring in even more money. Revenue in 2014 was £69m – up 5.5 per cent on 2013.The road has been owned by a consortium of 27 lenders, including French bank Credit Agricole, German group Commerzbank and Portugal's Novo Banco, since a major debt restructuring move in 2013. It saw them take over ownership from Macquarie, the Australian group that built the road.

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Bard puts spring in step for ballet

THIS spring's 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare has inspired Birmingham Royal Ballet's spring season in the company's home city.

Last seen on the Birmingham Hippodrome stage with their sumptuous annual festive treat The Nutcracker, BRB return with a programme of three ballets, including two based on plays by the Bard.

BRB is featuring a double bill of Sir Frederick Ashton's classic works, which includes his 1964 ballet The Dream, based on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, which opens the company's year-long Shakespeare commemoration. The Dream will be paired with the famous choreographer's 1976 ballet A Month In The Country, being performed for the first time by Birmingham Royal Ballet.

A Month In The Country was one of the last works Frederick Ashton made for The Royal Ballet and is set to stirring music by Chopin.

The company's spring programme will also feature a revival of Kenneth Macmillan's full length classic ballet Romeo and Juliet.

The Dream and A Month In The Country opened last night (Wednesday) and runs until Saturday. Romeo and Juliet will be presented from February 24 to 27.

Elegant

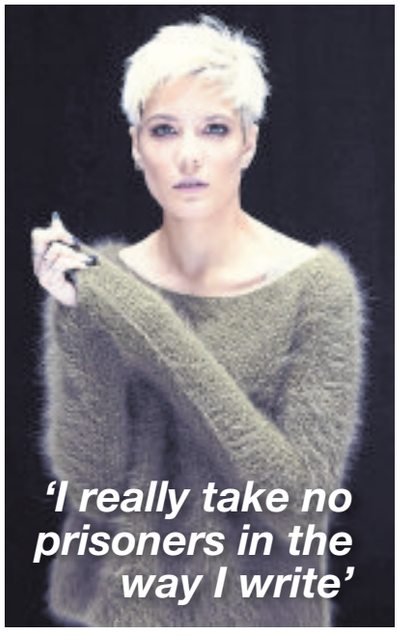
BRB spokeswoman Claire Lishman says: "In The Dream, love gets out of hand for mortals and fairies alike in an elegant and witty distillation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Alongside it, we offer A Month In The Country, inspired by Turgenev's play. Ashton captures the mood of the play through exquisite dance in this moving account of unrequited love."

On Romeo and Juliet, Ms Lishman adds: "Love at first dance, forbidden passions, dangerous secrets and fate combine in an exhilarating classic ballet."

Set to Prokofiev's soaring score, Romeo and Juliet tells the familiar tale of two young lovers at the mercy of powerful families and their own hearts. From the balcony scene's ecstatic pas de deux to the heart-breaking end, Romeo and Juliet has been an audience favourite since its first performance 51 years ago, when Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev received 43 curtain calls.

Star-crossed dancers – Birmingham Royal Ballet's Jenna Roberts as Juliet and Iain Mackay as Romeo Photo: Roy Smiljanic

Other highlights will include John Cranko's adaptation of The Taming of the Shrew for performance at the Hippodrome from June 16 to 18; and BRB Company Director David Bintley unveiling the world premiere of his interpretation of The Tempest this October.



'I really take no prisoners in the way I write'

Honesty best Halsey policy

HALSEY had an awesome 2015. The singer and songwriter from New Jersey, real name Ashley Nicolette Frangipane, topped polls for best breakthrough act, got to No2 in the US chart with debut album Badlands, was special guest on Justin Bieber's track The Feeling and sold out New York's Madison Square Garden.

Still only 21, the one-girl-phenomenon is about to release her latest track New Americana and perform her first gig in Birmingham, at the O2 Academy on Saturday, as part of a sold-out UK tour. Just two years ago she was playing acoustic cover sets at random bars in the American north-east, having left high school with a desire to become a musician.

Early in 2014 everything changed because of one song, the appropriately haunting Ghost. She says: "Everyone I know in music was like 'the song starts with bridge and it's two minutes and 34 seconds long, you're making a mistake, that's not a single, that's not going to get anyone's attention'." Clearly her 70,000-plus Twitter followers who promptly downloaded it disagreed.

"People say I blew up over night," she says. "It took me two years. Sometimes I would be in the middle of Boston at 4am and would ask someone over Twitter if I could stay at their house."

Her music is autobiographical with places, names, even dialogue left intact.

"I'm open about talking about certain things that others may keep quiet," she says. "I want my music to be really authentic, candid, honest. I really take no prisoners in the way I write."

Some enchanted evening with CBSO

TOMORROW'S Friday Night Classics concert in Birmingham sees the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra paying tribute to Broadway legends Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Martin Yates will conduct the CBSO at the 7.30pm concert in Symphony Hall. They will be joined by the University of Birmingham Voices for songs from South Pacific, Carousel, The King and I, The Sound of Music and Oklahoma!

Special guests will include West End singers Robyn North, Sally Ann Triplet, Olivier Award nominated Michael Xavier and former Phantom Scott Davies.

See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0600.

Singers' songs with a message

FANS of singer-songwriters can catch up with some class acts.

Jesse Malin fine tunes songs from his reissued 2002 debut The Fine Art of Self-Destruction at the O2 Institute tonight (Thursday). Then tomorrow Lucy Spraggan plays songs from her We Are album at the O2 Academy, also in Birmingham.

Paul Carrack, of How Long and The Living Years fame, is in concert at the Symphony Hall on Saturday.

Protest singer and acoustic guitar troubadour Will Varley, who has supported The Proclaimers and Frank Turner, is at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on February 25.

Foals galloping to stadium status

OXFORD band Foals play Birmingham Barclaycard Arena tomorrow night (Friday), the success of fourth album What Went Down having propelled them to stadium status. Don't miss support from quirky art-pop outfit Everything Everything.

Other highlights include Mystery Jets with songs from sixth and best so far album Curve Of The Earth at the O2 Institute in Digbeth tonight (Thursday).

On Saturday the notorious Fat White Family are at the O2 Institute, the same night Dudley outfit EofE play Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms. Blurryface duo Twenty One Pilots are at O2 Academy on Tuesday.

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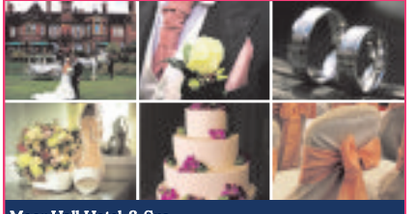

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This week's prospective stars are teenager Faith Nelson, barefoot vegan Rachel Ann, soldier Dave Barns, hairdresser Aaron Hill and Londoner Rose Farquhar, all of whom take to the stage in the hopes of progressing to the next round of the contest.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Athletics: Glasgow Indoor Grand Prix. Coverage of the meeting from Emirates Arena. **4.30** BBC News. **4.45** Regional Programme. **4.55** MOTD Live: The FA Cup. Bournemouth v Everton (Kick-off 5.15pm).

7.15 The Voice UK. It's the final round of blind auditions and it's bound to be a tense time for all as the coaches fill the last few places on their teams. Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson will only want the best singers to take through to next week's battle rounds, when their acts will be pitted against each other in head-to-head knockout performances. This week's prospective stars are teenager Faith Nelson, barefoot vegan Rachel Ann, soldier Dave Barns, hairdresser Aaron Hill and Londoner Rose Farquhar, all of whom take to the stage in the hopes of progressing to the next round of the contest.

8.35 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List. Married couple Mike and Cina from Wiltshire include a dream honeymoon on their perfect prize wishlist, and Shane Richie challenges them to answer questions in various categories to win their chosen items. Plus, Gaby Roslin is joined by guest Pixie Lott, performs live, and pushes the all important button for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.25 Casualty. Connie needs to prove her love for Grace, but has little time, and singer Hannah Spearritt returns as the mugger who attacked Noel, this time mixed up in a drugs deal.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.

10.35 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Gabby Logan presents action from the latest FA Cup fifth-round ties, including Arsenal v Hull City at Emirates Stadium, and Watford v Leeds United at Vicarage Road.

11.35 Film: Shanghai Noon. (2000) A 19th-century imperial guard to the Emperor of China is flung into the Wild West on a mission to rescue a kidnapped princess. Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan.

1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Animal Park. (R) **7.00 Film:** This Land is Mine. (1943) **8.40 Film:** The Deadly Companions. (1961) **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Lobo: The Wolf That Changed America. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.45** Rick Stein's India. (R) **1.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **3.30** Earth's Greatest Spectacles. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Back in Time for the Weekend. (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. The older members of the platoon are threatened with being made air-raid wardens, so they take drastic action in a bid to appear younger – with Mainwaring even wearing a toupee. Comedy first aired in 1972, starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn. (R)

7.00 Film: Cast Away. (2000) A manager for an American courier service has to fend for himself when a plane crash leaves him stranded alone on a desert island. Initially panic-stricken, he overcomes his terror to survive for four years on his own before building a raft and setting off on an epic journey back home. Adventure drama, starring Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy, Lari White and Chris Noth.

9.15 Kipling's Indian Adventure. Ex-soldier and author Patrick Hennessey follows the journey the 16-year-old Rudyard Kipling made to India in 1882. Retracing Kipling's voyage from Lahore in modern-day Pakistan to the north Indian hill station of Simla, known as the summer capital of British India, Hennessey explores how the young author's encounters with various rulers, officers, subalterns – and the common-folk they ruled – came to inform his Nobel Prize-winning literature.

10.15 Live at the Apollo. Russell Kane comperes an evening of stand-up at London's Hammersmith Apollo, performing himself and introducing routines by guests Roisin Conaty and Nick Helm. (R)

11.00 Film: The Ides of March. (2011) A presidential campaign worker must decide where his loyalties lie as dark secrets come to light. Drama, directed by and starring George Clooney. With Ryan Gosling.

12.35 Film: Surviving Summer. (2009) **2.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.15** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.55** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Looped. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Jessie. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.30** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.35** Tipping Point. (R) **3.35** The Chase. (R) **4.35** Regional Programme : Weather.**4.45** ITV News; Weather. **5.00 Film:** Despicable Me 2. (2013) Premiere. A reformed criminal mastermind who has abandoned his wicked ways for a life of fatherhood and jam-making helps a secret agent to bring one of his fellow evil geniuses to justice. The villain in question has stolen a dangerous experimental serum with the power to turn harmless animals into ravening monsters. Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Steve Carell.

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. New series. The presenter duo return with their live entertainment show, with Michael Sheen serving as guest announcer, and Wet Wet Wet taking part in tonight's Singalong Live.

8.30 Take Me Out. An athlete from Birmingham, a mechanic from Edinburgh, a Bedfordshire-based golfing coach and a potato-farmer from Co Down seek to win over Paddy McGuinness's 30 single women.

9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show. Twilight Saga and Cuckoo star Taylor Lautner joins Jonathan in the studio, along with comedy actor and broadcaster Rob Brydon, and Australian-born UK tennis star Johanna Konta, who made headlines back in January as she became the first female British player to reach a Grand Slam's quarter-finals since 1984.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.00 Film: Nutty Professor II: The Klumps. (2000) Bumbling scientist Sherman Klump tries to rid himself of his troublesome alter ego Buddy Love, but his experiment backfires. Comedy sequel, with Eddie Murphy.

12.55 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Frostgun Invitational. **7.05** Freeride World Tour. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Haydock Park and Wincanton. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me. The final dinner party in Suffolk is hosted by anti-social behaviour officer Rachel, who hopes to win over her guests with an evening of comfort food and a few tricks up her sleeve. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales journey along the "London Ring", as it's known to narrowboat lovers, in a voyage of discovery through their home city. Starting in Brentford, they follow the Union Canal, and then the Regent's Canal until it meets the Thames at Limehouse. Along the way, they meet up with fellow actors Andrew Sachs and Ian McKellen, and visit the cemetery at Kensal Green, where their old friend, playwright Harold Pinter, is buried. (R)

8.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. The actress learns about life in Cumbria, explores areas including Coniston, Morecambe Bay and Grasmere, and meets a community buying a local mountain.

9.00 Film: RoboCop. (2014) Premiere. A corporation that creates military robots seizes a chance to diversify into law enforcement when a Detroit cop is critically injured in a bombing. He is rebuilt as a crime-fighting cyborg, but struggles to regain his free will from his creators' control. Sci-fi thriller remake, starring Joel Kinnaman.

11.20 Film: Apocalypto. (2006) A Mayan tribesman captured for human sacrifice escapes into the jungle in a bid to save his family. Mel Gibson's historical adventure, starring Rudy Youngblood.

1.50 Hollyoaks. (R) **3.55** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **4.45** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.30** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **3.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **4.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Two agents get caught up in a dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to move out, while on the south coast, debt collection from a Turkish restaurant gets complicated. (R)

7.00 World War II in Colour. The Allied forces' preparations for the Normandy landings, including their attempts to fool the Germans into thinking the main attack would be in the Pas de Calais. (R)

7.55 The Gadget Show. Jason Bradbury, Amy Williams, Ortis Deley and Jon Bentley report from CES in Las Vegas, the world's largest consumer tech show, revealing the must-have gadgets of 2016. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's matches in the Championship, including Cardiff City v Brighton & Hove Albion and Brentford v Derby County.

10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present a round-up of all the goals and talking points from League One and League Two, including Barnsley v Doncaster Rovers and Barnet v AFC Wimbledon.

10.25 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler are faced with a dilemma when a child abuse suspect offers to reveal the identity of a controversial civil rights group's leader in exchange for an amnesty. (R)

11.20 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A couple are found murdered in a truck, prompting the detectives to investigate a Mexican drug cartel linked to one of the victims – but the case proves more complex than expected. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Never Teach Your Wife to Drive. (R) **4.00** Police Interceptors. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 How Earth Made Us **8.00** The Inca: Masters of the Clouds **9.00** Trapped **10.40** Rod Stewart Live at Hyde Park **11.40** Imagine – Rod Stewart: Can't Stop Me Now **1.05** The Joy of Easy Listening **2.35** Top of the Pops: 1981 **3.15** Sounds of the Eighties **3.45** Close

ITV2
11.05 Ninja Warrior UK **12.10** Scorpion **1.05 Film:** The Perfect Man (2005) **3.05 Film:** Along Came Polly (2004) **4.50** Catchphrase **5.35 Film:** The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **7.45 Film:** After Earth (2013) **9.45** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.45** Ibiza Weekender **11.45** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.20 Film:** Scary Movie V (2013) **1.55** Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
12.35 Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor **2.45** The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes **3.55** Bertie and Elizabeth **6.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Lewis **12.00** Blue Murder **1.35** Man About the House **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.00 Storage Wars **11.25** Storage Wars: Texas **1.25** Storage Wars **2.20 Film:** Death of a Gunfighter (1969) **4.15 Film:** Superman (1978) **7.10 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **9.00 Film:** Collateral Damage (2002) **11.10 Film:** Total Recall (1990) **1.30 Film:** Child's Play 2 (1990) **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.30 The Goldbergs **12.30** Rude(ish) Tube **1.30** The Jump **3.00 Film:** Furry Vengeance (2010) **4.50** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Friends with Benefits (2011) **11.15** Gogglebox **1.25** Virtually Famous **2.15** The Inbetweeners **3.05** The IT Crowd **3.55** New Girl **4.20** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.40** Revenge

Film4
11.00 Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **1.00** Step Up 3 (2010) **3.10** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **5.05** The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) **7.10** Just Married (2003) **9.00** About a Boy (2002) A womaniser who poses as a father to meet single women changes his ways after befriending a lonely youngster. Romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Toni Collette and Nicholas Hoult. **11.00** The Man with the Iron Fists (2012) Martial arts adventure, starring RZA. **12.50** Sinister (2012) **3.05** Close

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CHOICE

Tom Hiddleston

The Night Manager (BBC1, 9pm)
New series. Adaptation of John Le Carre's novel, starring Tom Hiddleston, Olivia Colman and Hugh Laurie. A former soldier working in a Cairo hotel discovers evidence against international arms dealer Richard Roper, but his attempt to help British intelligence to capture the criminal has disastrous consequences. Five years later, he is based in Switzerland, working at a hotel that he discovers is regularly frequented by Roper. Determined to make amends for his previous failure, he reunites with his contact at British intelligence and they form a plan to infiltrate the arms dealer's inner circle.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.00** Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Songs of Praise. **1.50** Lifeline. **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. (R) **3.30** MOTD Live: The FA Cup. Chelsea v Manchester City (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.00 BBC News.

6.15 Regional Programme.

6.25 Dickensian. Arthur visits Fagin and acquires the services of Bill Sikes in the hope he can put a stop to the wedding, while Compeyson makes a heartfelt confession to Amelia. Last in the series.

7.15 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore Staffordshire, visiting a farming school and a barn owl reserve. Plus, a report on a possible treatment for an incurable tree disease. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Poplar is rocked by a series of violent attacks on women, and a prostitute is too ashamed to report what she knows – but her actions lead to a dangerous man roaming the streets, with devastating consequences for the residents of Nonnatus House. A mother tries to keep her daughter's pregnancy a secret to avoid gossip, putting her life in danger. The Turners go on a long overdue holiday, but the weather ruins their plans.

9.00 The Night Manager. New series. Adaptation of John Le Carre's novel, starring Tom Hiddleston. A former soldier has a chance encounter with an arms dealer, and helps British intelligence to capture him.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Action from today's fifth-round fixtures, which were Blackburn Rovers v West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur v Crystal Palace, and Chelsea v Manchester City.

11.15 The Super League Show: World Club Series Special. Tanya Arnold presents action from the World Club Series, featuring three matches.

12.00 Film: The Walker. (2007) **1.40** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.05** The Secret History of the British Garden. (R) **8.05** An Island Parish. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **11.45** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.15 Film:** Nicholas and Alexandra. (1971) Fact-based historical drama, starring Michael Jayston. **3.15** Flog It! (R) **3.45** Bobsleigh and Skeleton World Championships. **5.15** Ski Sunday.

6.00 MOTD: FA Cup 6th Round Draw. Mark Chapman presents coverage of the quarter-final draw, as the remaining eight clubs learn who they will face, with a Wembley semi-final awaiting the winners.

6.20 Film: I Am Number Four. (2011) A teenager with special powers is forced to live as a fugitive, constantly moving from place to place with his protector to avoid aliens who seek to destroy him. His nomadic existence is threatened when he falls in love, just as he begins to realise the origin of his extraordinary abilities. Sci-fi thriller, starring Alex Pettyfer, Timothy Olyphant and Teresa Palmer.

8.00 Dragons' Den. Deborah Meaden, Nick Jenkins, Peter Jones, Touker Suleyman and Sarah Willingham cast their eyes over more business ideas, including a recipe for ice cream that is healthier than fruit and a new design of headphones that does not cover the wearer's ears. Plus, a barrister gets a lesson in margins. Last in the series.

9.00 Let's Play Darts for Sport Relief 2016. New series. Gabby Logan hosts the pro-celebrity tournament in aid of charity. The first rounds pit Greg Davies against Jordan Stephens and Mike Tindall against Katherine Ryan.

10.00 The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story. Fact-based crime drama about the trial of former American football star and actor OJ Simpson for the murders of his wife and her friend. Cuba Gooding Jr stars. (R)

10.55 Film: Memento. (2000) A man searches for his wife's killer in spite of the short-term memory loss he sustained during the same attack. Christopher Nolan's thriller, with Guy Pearce.

12.45 Film: The Night of the Generals. (1967) **3.05** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **4.00** Holby City. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.15** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.55** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Looped. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.40** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.40** Catchphrase. (R) **3.40 Film:** Live and Let Die. (1973) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 Planet's Got Talent. The best and worst clips from the global Got Talent franchise, featuring a water-skiing squirrel, a stunt driver and a multi-talented beat boxer.

7.00 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands. Slean prepares for his wedding to Kela, but an unexpected development proves more than he can cope with. Abrecan's fixation on Herot leads him to neglect his own people.

8.00 Vera. A fisherman's body is found tangled up in a North Sea trawler's net. Vera and her team investigate with the help of the local harbourmaster, and find the dead man's sons pointing the finger at the owner of a fish market, with whom they have a long-running feud. Retracing the dead man's steps, Vera discovers when he drowned and tracks down a waitress who may have been one of the last people to see him alive. However, the case becomes more complicated when a witness runs away and a boat belonging to the dead man's sister-in-law goes up in flames. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Rookies. Mark is called to help a man who has been attacked with a baseball bat, while Dan attends a near-fatal stabbing during his first solo shift. Last in the series. (R)

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **2.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.05 Film:** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement. (2004) Family comedy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. **5.20** Channel 4 News. **5.50 Film:** Dumbo. (1941) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Edward Brophy.

7.00 The Secret Life of the Zoo. Documentary revealing the secret life of the animals of Chester Zoo, one of Britain's most popular zoos, using new micro-rig technology to capture the behaviour of the animals and their close relationships with their keepers. In the first episode, the zoo's Asian elephant family welcome a new arrival. Grumpy matriarch Thi has been pregnant for almost two years and is reaching the end of her tether. She's given birth to a stillborn baby in the past, so the keepers have a close eye on her. Cameras also follow Red panda Jung, who has been getting the cold shoulder from his partner Nima since they had two cubs. (R)

8.00 The Jump. Davina McCall presents another bout of winter sports action, as the remaining contestants compete in a mogul skiing event. The loser from each race will then have to face the jump, with one of them being eliminated from the competition.

9.00 Film: The World's End. (2013) Premiere. A 40-year-old man who refuses to grow up drags four reluctant childhood friends back to their home town to recreate a pub crawl they attempted in their teens. As they work their way round the 12 local bars, they stumble on a threat to the entire human race. Sci-fi comedy, starring Simon Pegg.

11.10 Film: The Eagle. (2011) A Roman centurion and his British slave journey into the wilds of Scotland to recover the standard of a lost legion. Action adventure, starring Channing Tatum and Jamie Bell.

1.10 Embarrassing Bodies: The 36-Stone Woman. (R) **2.05** Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.00** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.30** Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.30 Film:** The 'Burbs. (1989) Black comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **4.30** 5 News Weekend. **4.35 Film:** The Money Pit. (1986) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Shelley Long.

6.20 Film: The Fox and the Hound. (1981) An orphaned fox cub is taken in by a kindly widow, and becomes firm friends with a puppy belonging to a hunter. However, as they grow to adulthood, the dog is trained to prey on foxes, and the two animals realise their friendship may not survive as they are expected to be natural enemies. Animated adventure, with the voices of Mickey Rooney and Kurt Russell. Part of Channel 5 80s Day.

8.00 Film: Dirty Dancing. (1987) A dance instructor at a 1960s resort hotel fears his career will be jeopardised when his regular partner is forced to pull out of an important show in which they are due to perform. Luckily, a naive teenager is happy to step in, and is treated to a whirlwind holiday education in life, love and expressing herself. Romantic drama, starring Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey and Jerry Orbach. Part of Channel 5 80s Day.

10.05 Greatest 80s Movies. Ronni Ancona narrates a countdown of viewers' favourite films from the decade, including ET, Top Gun, The Goonies, Ghostbusters, Beverly Hills Cop and Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Part of Channel 5 80s Day. (R)

12.50 Tattoo Disasters UK. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Never Teach Your Wife to Drive. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.50** Great Artists. (R) **5.15** Great Scientists. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Jigs & Wigs: The Extreme World of Irish Dancing **8.00** Andre Previn at the BBC **9.00** Storyville: The Black Panthers **10.45 Film:** Easy Money III: Life Deluxe (2013) **12.40** Troubadours: The Rise of the Singer-Songwriter **2.05** Sounds of the Eighties **2.35** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC **3.35** Close

ITV2
11.40 Take Me Out **12.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.00** Best of You've Been Framed! Gold **3.05 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.05** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **6.40 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00 Film:** Delivery Man (2013) **12.10 Film:** Not Another Teen Movie (2001) **2.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.35 Bertie and Elizabeth **1.40** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **2.45** The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes **3.55** Lewis **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant **9.00** Caroline Quentin: A Passage Through India **10.00** Mrs Biggs **11.00 Film:** The Bucket List (2007) **1.00** Ghostboat **2.20** A Touch of Frost **4.05** On the Buses **5.00** Judge Judy **5.25** Movies Now **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
11.40 Counting Cars **12.35** The Classic Car Show **1.35 Film:** Death of a Gunfighter (1969) **3.30 Film:** Nevada Smith (1966) **6.15 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10 Film:** Maximum Conviction (2012) **1.15** Ax Men **2.10** The Car Chasers **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.30 Film: Maid in Manhattan (2002) **2.35** The Goldbergs **3.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** Rude Tube **12.05** The Inbetweeners **1.10** The IT Crowd **2.10** The 100 **2.55** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.40** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Magic in the Water (1995) **1.00** The Legend of Zorro (2005) **3.45** Beaches (1988) **6.15** Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003) **9.00** The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones (2013) A teenager discovers she is part of a race of magical beings tasked with defending the world from demons. Fantasy adventure, with Lily Collins. **11.35** The Crazies (2010) **1.35** Feast of Love (2007) **3.45** Close

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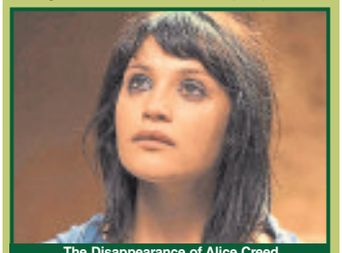
FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Righteous Kill, Channel 5, 10.55pm
Two veteran New York detectives are assigned the case of a murdered pimp. They realise they are dealing with a vigilante dishing out lethal punishment to those who have escaped the justice system, and as more dead criminals are found, they suspect the killer may be a fellow cop. Crime thriller, starring Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, Carla Gugino, John Leguizamo and Donnie Wahlberg. (2008)

TUESDAY
Honor Student, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A writer is confronted by an ex-convict he once taught as part of a prison education programme, who accuses him of stealing her idea for a novel. Obsessed with revenge, she plans to murder him - but first she intends to make him suffer by ruining his reputation and destroying his marriage. Thriller, starring Josie Loren and Niall Matter. (2014)


The Disappearance of Alice Creed, Friday, BBC2, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY
The Lookout, BBC1, 11.45pm
A teenager's promising future is cut short when a car crash leaves him with brain damage that affects his memory. Taking a job as a janitor at a bank, he falls under the influence of crooks led by a former school friend. However, as he becomes aware of their plan to pull off a robbery, he makes a desperate attempt to stop them. Drama, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jeff Daniels and Isla Fisher. (2007)

THURSDAY
Stolen from the Womb, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A psychotic stalker gives a pregnant woman a labour-inducing drug, before kidnapping her newborn child . Drama inspired by true events, starring Larisa Oleynik, Laura Mennell and Sebastian Spence. (2014)

FRIDAY
The Disappearance of Alice Creed, BBC2, 11.35pm
Two criminals kidnap the daughter of a wealthy family, with the intention of demanding a ransom. However, the hostage is not the helpless victim she appears, while she and both her captors have secrets that threaten to throw the plan into disorder. Thriller, with Gemma Arterton and Martin Compston. (2009)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Stars are out to shine at star-studded bash

The Brits returns to the O2 tonight to bring us a much-needed annual dose of music industry glitter, awkward award presentation and headline-generating performances during the dark days of British winter.

Tonight's headline act is Rihanna, who is back to perform for the fourth time, following the long-awaited release of her eighth album, ANTI.

It's likely that she'll perform her smash-hit single, Work, which topped of the charts in 90 countries.

For the Barbadian singer, it'll give her an opportunity to warm up before her world tour returns to the UK in June; and for her fans, it's the first Brit Awards performance since 2012, when she blew the crowd away with a rendition of We Found Love.

British songstress Adele was the first act to be named on this year's bill, which was considered quite a coup for the organisers.

Back in 2011, she performed a spine-tingling version of Someone Like You, but the year after she made headlines for swearing at "the suits" who forced host James Corden to cut her speech short, largely because Blur had bumbled around on stage before her.

Fresh from their half-time show alongside Beyonce at the Superbowl earlier this month, Coldplay will also be performing.

Chris Martin and co have suggested that their new album, A Head Full of Dreams, may be their last.

But, as they proved in a barnstorming London gig earlier this year, the record sounds as good live as any of their previous work.

Having recently beaten The Beatles' record for having the most singles in the UK top 40 at any one time, Canadian singer Justin Bieber is also sure to to be a hit with the Brits crowd.

There will also be performances from Jess Glynne, who rose to success in 2014 after being featured on Clean Bandit's single Rather Be, and James Bay, who won the Critics Choice Award 2015.

Canadian singer-cum-producer The Weeknd and 2011 X-Factor winners Little Mix will also be on stage.

Finally, there will a touching tribute to the much-missed David Bowie following his death on January 10.

Bowie was a two-time Brit winner and became the oldest recipient of the Best British Male Solo Artist award two years ago. On the awards front, Adele leads the pack with four nominations for the newly designed trophies.

She will be battling it out for the coveted Album of the Year award alongside Coldplay, Florence + the Machine, James Bay and Jamie XX.

The presenters of the Brits is always a big issue, and we seem to reminisce every year, who can forget Samantha Fox and Mick Fleetwood?

Thankfully this year's ceremony is in good hands as it will be fronted by last year's hosts Ant and Dec.

About returning, the pair said: "We really loved hosting the show last year.

"In all honesty we only intended to do it for one year but had such a good time we are thrilled to be doing it again.

"We had a great night, enjoyed a glass of champagne or two! So this year… more of the same!"

Ant and Dec host, The Brit Awards 2016, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Fresh Meat
Channel 4, 10pm
New series. The comedy returns for a fourth and final series, with the prospect of the real world looming large for the student housemates. JP's brother pays an unexpected visit and tells him it is time to knuckle down, while Howard has created a secret revision den in the cellar. Meanwhile, Oregon attempts to win a prestigious scholarship in America, Vod comes up with a scheme to help with her money troubles, and Kingsley is on the lookout for love, but possibly in all the wrong places.

Cuckoo
BBC1, 10.45pm
After the first series in 2012 the departure of Andy Samberg initially looked to be the end of the line for this show, one of BBC Three's most successful sitcoms. However the writers pulled of a Cuckoo coup when they recruited Taylor Lautner to fill the big-name American gap in season two. This third series opener picks up six months after Dale's dramatic departure during the 2014 Christmas special, and Rachel is still heartbroken, but she has managed to salvage a friendship with her jilted former fiancé Ben. However, just as life is about to return to normal in the Thompson household, a transformed Dale returns from China to shake things up again. Meanwhile, Ken and Lorna are preparing for the birth of their unplanned baby, and son Dylan gets ready to leave for university.

TUESDAY
The Inspectors Are Coming
ITV, 7.30pm
Cameras follow UK law enforcement teams, beginning in Cleethorpes where beach inspectors struggle with their new powers to fine as it goes against their usual laid back style. In Dumfries and Galloway, experienced law enforcers Erin and Jim are dishing out £80 penalties to anyone caught dropping a cigarette butt. Meanwhile, in the London borough of Newham, John and Terry face one of their busiest nights ever – could they be about to beat their record for the most number of noise complaints?

WEDNESDAY
The Great Sport Relief Bake Off
BBC1, 8pm
Sarah Millican hosts as actress Alison Steadman, comedian Ade Edmondson, singer Will Young and impressionist Morgana Robinson bake for Sport Relief. They must face three challenges set by judges Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry, with the overall winner receiving the coveted Star Baker Apron. For the signature challenge, they must create an open-top pie, before attempting to make a salmon roulade in the technical. Finally, the celebrities must use cupcakes to create a showstopper representing a momentous life experience. Last in the series.

The Great Sport Relief Bake Off, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

THURSDAY
The Great British Sex Survey
Channel 4, 10pm
So much for ëno sex please, we're British' – Channel 4 has discovered via a specially commissioned survey that UK residents are very much in touch with their sexuality. This programme takes a closer look at the results, revealing the nation's top 10 kinks and lifting the lid on some surprising practices. Experts, including psychotherapist Philippa Perry and Belgian sexologist Goedele Liekens, explore where unusual sexual desires come from, and investigate why some people only need a come-hither look to get them going, while others require something a little more elaborate. The Great British Sex survey also asks just what convinced us to shed our repressed image and start unbuttoning, and hears from the ordinary people who get up to extraordinary things in the bedroom.

FRIDAY
Comedy Playhouse: Hospital People
BBC1, 10.35pm
The BBC's revived Comedy Playhouse strand is back with three new pilots, all hoping to becoming fully fledged sitcoms. We'll soon see Alun Armstrong and Alison Steadman in Broken Biscuits, written by Early Doors creators Craig Cash and Phil Mealey, while Nigel Havers and Sarah Hadland are teaming up for Jack Docherty's Stop/Start, but we begin with Hospital People. The mockumentary follows a group of characters united by the fact that their lives revolve around the local hospital – and that they are all played by co-writer Tom Binns. His creations include manager Susan Mitchell, spiritualist porter Ian D Montfort, and someone who will be familiar to fans of Binns' stand-up, deluded DJ Ivan Brackenbury.

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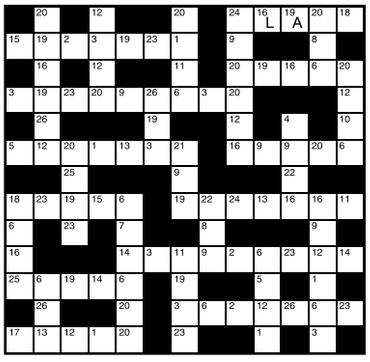

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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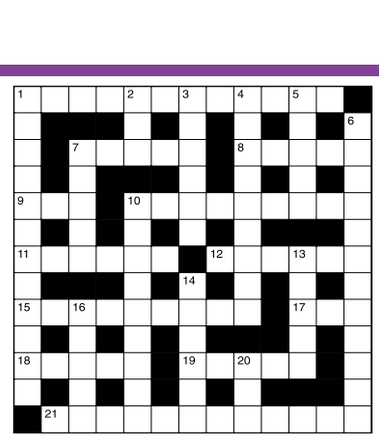
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Mislay a Gilbert and Sullivan opera and get annoyed (4,8)
7. Widespread alarm of a hundred getting shocking pain (5)
8. See 9 Across
9,19 & 8Ac. Presumably no cold-blooded pursuer would be! (3,2.3.5)
10. Ineffective description of a broken pencil (9)
11. Northern shaft difficult to squeeze through (6)
12. Has no further use for fragments (6)
15. Backer to drink strong ale (9)
17. Fabulous winger to show back of stability, we hear (3)
18. Elegant dresser found in Scotland and Yorkshire (5)
19. See 9 Across
21. They conduct the fans to hearten the chiefs (5-7)

Down

1. Port, nautically speaking (4-4,4)
2. See 7 Down
3. In the first act I contrived a crafty manoeuvre (6)
4. Conveyance for the landed gentry? (6,3)
5. Charles goes to the end of the lane in pursuit (5)
6. The direct opposite of open revelations? (5,7)
7 & 2Dn. Darlings were abducted by him (5,3)
10. Professional to use the office machine - an original model (9)
13. Shocking rage before the end of the debate, but don't fall out (5)
14. Constitutional street register (6)
16. Misappropriate as nippers do (5)
20. Drink for most of the side (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Uneasy (12)
7. Put off (5)
8. Fire-raising (5)
9. Recede (3)
10. Isolate (9)
11. Wearisome (6)
12. Diversion (6)
15. Incessant (9)
17. Immerse (3)
18. Heading (5)
19. Object (5)
21. Formula (12)

Down

1. Genuineness (12)
2. Consume (3)
3. Anger (6)
4. Amorphous (9)
5. Prospect (5)
6. Stoppage (12)
7. Exclude (5)
10. Idiotic (9)
13. Command (5)
14. Seller (6)
16. Change (5)
20. Chart (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Abandon; 8 Hot dog; 9 Balmier; 10 Retain; 11 Keeper; 12 Parental; 18 Organist; 20 Career; 21 Slight; 22 Copious; 23 Repeal; 24 Wealthy. Down: 1 Therapy; 2 Stature; 3 Motion; 5 Blackleg; 6 Number; 7 Obeyed; 13 Thorough; 14 Ringlet; 15 Stately; 16 Parole; 17 Denial; 19 Asleep. QUICK - Across: 4 Halfway; 8 Brutal; 9 Affront; 10 Object; 11 Uproar; 12 Vicarage; 18 Interval; 20 Debase; 21 Fondle; 22 Several; 23 Pistol; 24 Feather. Down: 1 Absolve; 2 Subject; 3 Cancer; 5 Affluent; 6 Furore; 7 Annual; 13 Alienate; 14 Avidity; 15 Elderly; 16 Severe; 17 Patent; 19 Exotic.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Where is the seat of the U.N. International Court of Justice?
2. What branch of the arts do you associate with Jean Ingres?
3. How many popes have been called Leo?
4. Which body of water separates Italy from Sicily?
5. Of which country was Milton Obote president?
6. What is pinchbeck?
7. Who founded Singapore in 1819?
8. What does the Russian word samovar mean?
9. Of which country was Mario Soares made president in 1986?
10. Where was the liner Queen Elizabeth destroyed by fire in 1972?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 The scar left by a healed wound; 2 1968; 3 Hokkaido; 4 Saigon; 5 French; 6 Cantilever; 7 El Cid; 8 112; 9 1972; 10 15 million.

Niner: CURTAINED

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

7393 gives a game,
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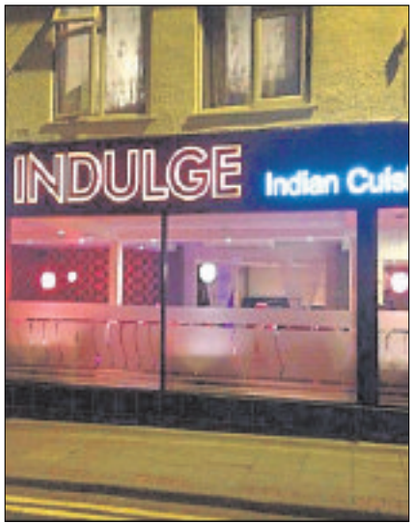
Shahin Ahmed, second from left, with his waiting staff and cookery team

The tender lamb shank was beautifully cooked

The plush interior of Indulge restaurant, Cannock Road, Chadsmoor



Indulge is coming up to its second birthday

Take time to Indulge in popular area's new restaurant on block

WITH a cluster of Indian restaurants in such a small area, competition is fierce. But why not Indulge in the new kid on the block?

Indulge, on Cannock Road, Chadsmoor, has gone through a number of incarnations over the years. However, just shy of its second birthday, it has already lasted longer than any of its predecessors – and has risen up the Trip Advisor rankings.

Of all the eateries in the Cannock Chase area, Indulge is the second highest ranked Indian restaurant.

Unsurprisingly, proprietor Shahin Ahmed, otherwise known as Raj, is proud of the achievements of himself and his staff, and points to the quality of its food and service, as well as the hard work that has gone into the business for its success.

By Mark Shipp

"Things are really picking up and we are very happy at how things are going," he said, adding that the support and feedback from customers was inspiring them to grow even further.

Raj believes the introduction of Sunday five-course set meals, at £8.95, and Tuesday and Wednesday eat-as-much-as-you like gourmet nights at £9.95 have also gone some way towards its new-found status.

It's a very easy restaurant to spot, so the lack of success under previous guises is hard to fathom.

It's certainly plush inside, with 110 covers, though it does look as though it could hold more.

And here's a twist. If you fancy a private function, you can have the back room – complete with dance floor, to yourselves – and with your own choice of images projected on to the wall.

The restaurant is not licensed, so we took our own alcohol.

Food prices are generous and there is an extensive list of Chef's Exclusive dishes and House Specials. And if variety is the spice of life, someone had better tell my other half, for whom there is no need to even offer a menu. "If they don't have butter chicken or makhani chicken, I'm not going in, " she might as well say . . .

Fuss

They did, indeed, have butter chicken, so that's one happy customer to start with.

It was straightforward choice from our dining companion, too – but then when does a teenage girl ever make a fuss? At least she pored through what was on offer before deciding on her favourite tikka masala.

We were treated to a special platter starter to begin with, including chicken pakora, korahi kebab and moglai chicken – the latter, chicken marinated with garam masala and yoghurt and cooked with pepper, onions and garlic, was divine, but then so was the unexpected lamb shank we were served ahead of our starters.

Of course, there was little room for much else, but I still had to try my sea bass jhall fry main course. The fish was beautifully cooked and it had a hidden kick to it. But mixed with the lemon rice accompaniment it was the perfect blend for the palate.

Indulge is closed on Mondays, except for Bank Holidays, Opening hours are from 5.30pm-11pm. Special offers are available to mark its second year anniversary on March 15.

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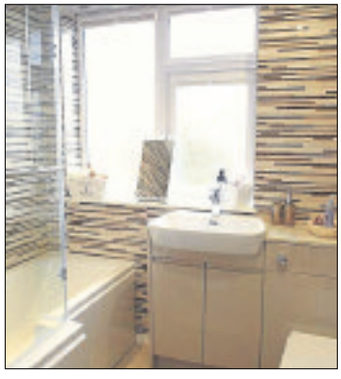
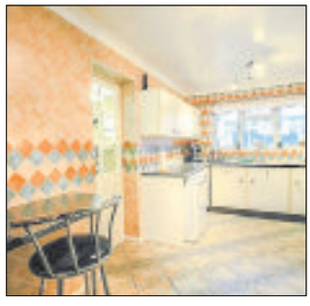


Well-presented with price tag of £260,000

THIS very well-presented and attractively designed modern family home with a superb L-shaped conservatory in The Parkway, Shelfield, Walsall lies in a highly sought after location. It is for sale through Goodchilds at £260,000 and has garage and off road parking.

It has an entrance hall with stairs off, a refitted WC, a recently modernised lounge, a spacious dining room with sliding patio doors to the conservatory with under-floor heating, a breakfast kitchen with breakfast bar, a good-sized utility room, master bedroom en suite with mirror wardrobes and a bay window, three further bedrooms, a bathroom and garden.

For further information contact Goodchilds on 01543 226655 or visit the website at www.goodchilds-uk.com



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Executive-style detached in popular area, priced £270k

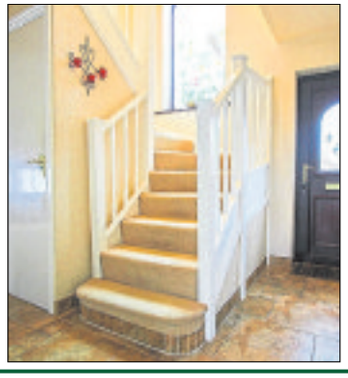
A MODERN four-bedroomed executive-style detached property in the popular Turnberry Road development in Ralston Close, Bloxwich, Walsall has pleasantly appointed accommodation that is ideal for a family.

With ample off road parking and a two-car garage, it is for sale through Skitts at £270,000.

With gas central heating and double glazing it has a reception hall, a guest WC, a through lounge with a feature fireplace, a dining room, a kitchen with cream coloured units and butchers block-effect working surfaces, an oven, hob and extractor and breakfast bar.

There are four bedrooms (master en-suite), a bathroom, gardens and driveway.

For further information contact Skitts on 01922 478104 or visit www.skitts.net



First floor apartment is an ideal first home

A MODERN first floor apartment in Magnolia Drive, Walsall would be ideal for a first time or investment buyer

It is for sale through Paul Dubberley at £100,000 with no chain.

It has a communal entrance with stairs off, an entrance hall, an inner hallway with an intercom system, a lounge, a kitchen with a range of contemporary units incorporating work tops, extractor hood over the oven/hob and space for appliances, two bedrooms (one with wardrobe space), a bathroom with a white suite with a shower over the bath and an allocated parking space.

For further information contact Paul Dubberley on 0121 5053533 or visit the website www.pauldubberley.co.uk

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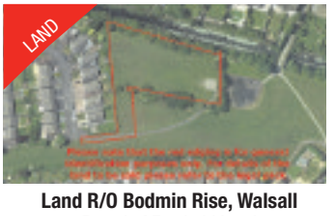

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PIMBURY ROAD, WILLENHALL
L & S Prestige Estates are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £105,000 for 13 Pimbury Rd. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact L & S Prestige Estates before exchange of contracts.

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£109,995

SHORT HEATH

CLIFT CLOSE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed End Town House Having Porch, Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Ground Floor W.C And Family Bathroom. The Property Also Benefits From UPVC D/G, Majority G/C/H And Enclosed Rear Garden.

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Well-presented three-bed home – no chain involved

A TRADITIONAL home that has been modernised over recent years, 31 Goldthorn Crescent, Penn is well presented, being for sale through Rees Page at £184,000 with no chain.

There are three reception rooms, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms and a boarded attic, it also has a driveway and rear garden and is in a cul-de-sac.

The three reception rooms comprise study/play room with cupboards, dining room, lounge with a bay window and French doors opening out to the rear and a modern fireplace with a gas fire. The modernised kitchen/diner has a cooker, tiled splash-backs and tiled flooring.

The landing has access to the boarded attic with wooden flooring and Velux windows. For further information contact Rees Page on 01902 577775 or visit www.reespage.com

Spacious detached in sought after area

A FOUR-BEDROOMED detached property is in a sought after location in Birchwood Close, Essington

With three of its bedrooms being double and a large kitchen, it is for sale through Goodchilds at £349,950.

With double glazing and gas central heating it has a spacious, main living room with patio doors, second reception room with an archway through to a dining area.

The kitchen has space for a large American-style fridge freezer and there is a utility room and conservatory. One of the bedrooms has a Juliet balcony.

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EPC: D

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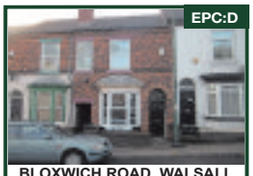

EPC:D

BLOXWICH ROAD, WALSALL
. Mid-Terraced House
. Two Bedrooms
. Lounge
. Dining Room
. Kitchen, Bathroom
. Garage To Rear
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EPC: D

VICTORIA STREET,WILLENHALL
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. Two Double Bedrooms
. Two Reception Rooms
. Kitchen & Bathroom
. Rear Garden
. GCH & UPVC DG
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EPC: D

SUTTON ROAD, WALSALL
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. Lounge, GCH
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. Two Bedrooms
. Garage
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. Two Bedrooms
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. Kitchen & Bathroom
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. Two Bedrooms
. Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room
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. Bathroom & En-Suite
. Parking, DG & GCH
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BORNEO STREET, WALSALL
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. GCH, Double Glazing
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EPC: D

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. Lounge, Conservatory
. Breakfast Kitchen
. Four Bedrooms
. Bathroom
. Driveway, Garage
£595pcm - plus fees

EPC: E

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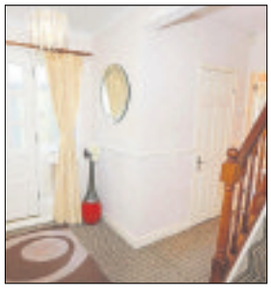
It has an extended kitchen/diner, lounge with French doors, two ground floor bedrooms, master bedroom and further first floor bedroom.

Contact Connells on 01902 710170 or visit www.connells.co.uk



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- Three bedooms
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LOT 3

LAND ADJ. 29 BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES, WS11 9SD
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LOT 4

LAND REAR OF 374 CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 4AY
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LOT 5

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FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
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- Maximum depth - 32m (104ft 11ins) Approx
- Area - 240m (287 sq yards) or thereabouts

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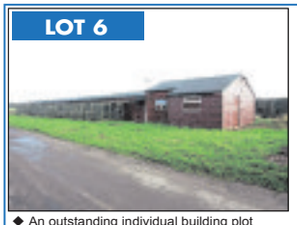
LOT 6



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LOT 7

189 GOLDTHORN HILL, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV2 4QB
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Substantial end terraced house
- Lounge and dining room
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- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Predominantly double glazed
- Convenient for Wolverhampton City Centre
- EPC rating E (52)

GUIDE PRICE £125,000+

LOT 8

PASTURE LAND FRONTING RUGELEY ROAD, CHASE TERRACE, BURNTWOOD, WS15 4RX
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- Irregular shaped parcel of pasture land
- Extending to 1.71 Acres or thereabouts and having a frontage to Redmoor Brook in the North
- Conveniently located for access to Gentleshaw Common

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LOT 9

BUILDING PLOT ADJ. HORSEFAIR COTTAGE, 90 BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE, ST19 5DL
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Rare opportunity to acquire a good sized individual building plot
- Planning permission for erection of one 3/4 bedroomed detached residence
- Occupying elevated position
- Located in conservation area of Penkridge

GUIDE PRICE £150,000-£175,000

LOT 10

CHERITON, 524 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYLREY, WS6 6HX
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Predominantly double glazed
- In need of refurbishment
- Larger gardens
- EPC rating F (26)

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Bilston

NEW

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Family Home In Popular Bilston Area. Benefiting From Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating, The Property Comprises Of Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Through Kitchen Diner, Three Bedrooms And Family Bathroom. Front And Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking And NO CHAIN!

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £135,000

Greenway Road
Bilston

SOLD

An impressive Three bedroom semi detached house found on the Redrow 'Chestnut Walk' Development. This fantastic property briefly comprises, hallway, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing, three bedrooms, en-suite off the master bedroom, family bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £150,000

Broad Street
Bilston

A Fantastic 3 bed extended detached house with gas central heating & double glazing. The property is within walking distance of Bilston town, the metro and main bus routes. The property briefly comprises, porch, hallway, lounge, lounge / dining room, kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

Pirbright Close
Bilston

SOLD

A well presented & spacious end of terrace house which has been completed to a very good standard. The property which is local to amenities briefly comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom and rear garden.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £125,000

Pickwick Place
Bilston

A well presented 2 bedroom first floor flat. The property, which benefits UPVc double glazing, is located in a quiet cul-de-sac location. The property property briefly comprises; reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and enclosed rear garden. Communal parking is available with the dwelling.

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF: £70,000

Ashley Street
Bilston

REDUCED

A Two bedroom mid terraced house situated just off Mount Pleasant benefits from being located a short walk away from the Bilston Town centre briefly comprises, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazing and rear garden.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF: £79,000

Sidcup Close
Bilston

This Modern Detached property which has been recently updated to a very good standard is located on the Sedgemoor Park Estate. The property briefly comprises, Hall, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Downstairs Cloakroom, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage and Rear Garden.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF: £225,000

Humphries Crescent

Private Driveway With Electric Gated Access to this select and exclusive development of just 3 new build detached bungalows, comprising entrance hall, en-suite to main, bathroom, kitchen, lounge, double glazing and central heating, driveway and gardens, nearing completion call now to avoid missing out.

OFFERS AROUND: £165,000

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wolverhampton Street

Paul Dubberley are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £155,000 for 160 Wolverhampton Street WV14 0LZ. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Paul Dubberley Estate Agents, 1 Walsall Street, Bilston, WV14 0AT, 01902 494966 prior to exchange of contracts.

Hartland Avenue
Bilston

Well Presented Modern End of Terrace close to all local amenities and transport links. Benefiting from UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating and briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Front Driveway providing off road parking for two cars and Rear Garden.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £100,000

Denville Close
Bilston

This immaculate detached house which is in a cul de sac is a short distance away from Bilston town centre. The property which is double glazed and gas central heated through out briefly comprises, lounge, garage conversion, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and rear garden.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £160,000

Lichfield Road
Willenhall

SOLD

REDUCED Lovely traditional 3 bedroom semi detached home, lounge, dining room, kitchen, modern bathroom, central heating and double glazing, good size rear garden, no upward chain, call Paul Dubberley to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000

Glamis Road
Willenhall

SOLD

Substantially Extended Semi Detached Property Entrance Porch, Hallway, Through Lounge Dining Room, Extended Kitchen Diner, Sitting Room With Conservatory Area, W.C, Three Good Sized Bedrooms, Family Shower Room, Double Garage And Large Rear And Side Gardens.

OFFERS AROUND: £175,000

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Alamein Road
Willenhall

SOLD

BRAND NEW Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow In A Secluded Cul-de-sac Location! Property Comprises Of; Entrance Hallway, Large Dual Aspect Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Three Generous Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front And Rear Gardens, And Block Paved Driveway To Side.

OFFERS AROUND: £145,000

Highfield Road
Tipton

SOLD

Select small development of 3 detached new build bungalows , 2 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom , double glazing and central heating, garden and driveway, call 01902 633323 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000

Bilston Lane
Willenhall

REDUCED

The property briefly comprises of lounge, breakfast kitchen, downstairs wc, modern bathroom, central heating and double glazing, driveway, front and rear gardens, call Paul Dubberley to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000

Harvesters Road
Willenhall

NO UPWARD CHAIN 3 Bedroom semi detached house, entrance porch and hallway, kitchen/diner, lounge, downstairs wc, bathroom, double glazing and central heating(where specified), driveway and garage, front and rear gardens.

VIEWING ADVISED

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000

Delamere Road
Willenhall

REDUCED

Three bedroom extended family home in a secluded cul-de-sac location. Porch, Veranda, Entrance Hallway, Lounge with dining area, breakfast kitchen, utility, three bedrooms and family bathroom. The property further benefits from pleasant rear garden, front garden with parking, and also further off road parking and a single garage. Viewings Highly Reccomended. NO CHAIN! EPC -D

OFFERS AROUND: £130,000

Essington Way
Wolverhampton

REDUCED

A three storey end townhouse property offering NO CHAIN! entrance hallway, guest WC and ground floor bedroom, first floor is a large kitchen diner and living room, and to the second floor there are two further bedrooms, both with en suites. The property further benefits from a driveway to the fore giving off road parking, garage and enclosed garden to the rear.

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000

Clarkes Lane
Willenhall

Immaculately presented and Extended FULLY REFURBISHED three bedroom family home. Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, open dining area leading to impressive EXTENDED KITCHEN with integrated appliances, Downstairs W.C, Three bedrooms and modern family bathroom.
NO CHAIN! FRONT AND REAR GARDENS! GARAGE!

OFFERS AROUND: £150,000

Moseley Road
Bilston

LOVELY Traditional 3 bedroom detached house, entrance porch and hallway, dining room, lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, driveway and garage, front and rear gardens, central heating and double glazing (where specified) call Paul Dubberley to view. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £170,000

Weaver Grove
Willenhall

NEW

Immaculate Family Home In A Secluded Cul-de-sac location With Open Views To The Front!
Entrance Hall, Large Lounge, Dining Room Leading Into Kitchen, Master Bedroom With En-suite, Two Further Bedrooms And Family Bathroom. The Property Further Benefits From Pleasant Fore And Rear Gardens, Detached Garage And Driveway.

OFFERS AROUND: £180,000

Fordbrook Lane
Walsall

NEW

An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home In The Popular Location of Pelsall Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Side Utility, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom And Single Garage. The Property Also Further Benefits From Large Driveway To Fore And Pleasant Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £175,000

Highfield Road
Tipton

NEW

BRAND NEW! HIGH SPECIFICATION FINISH THROUGHOUT. Property Is Tucked Away Off A Quiet Residential Street And Comprises Of; Entrance Hall, Lounge With Kitchen Area, Two bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom , double glazing and central heating, garden and driveway, call 01902 633323 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000

Mill Lane
Willenhall

Superbly Presented Executive Style Seven Bedroom Bedroom Residence. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Dining Room, Formal Lounge, Feature Extended Breakfast Kitchen With Living Area, Utility, Seven Bedrooms, Modern Family Bathroom, Feature Shower Room And Double Integral Garage. The Property Further Benefits From Large Private Rear Garden With Decked Patio Area, And Large Block Paved Driveway To The Front. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £360,000

Banks Street
Willenhall

Contemporary 5 bedroom Family Home, Situated In A Secluded Cul De Sac Location in The Popular Willenhall Area. Three Reception Rooms, Large Family Kitchen, Cellar, Five Bedrooms, Master Ensuite, Family Bathroom And Separate Shower Room, Large Rear Garden!
VIEWINGS HIGHLY RECCOMENDED.

OFFERS AROUND: £399,995

Martin Grove
Walsall

An EXECUTIVE SIX/SEVEN BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE SITUATED IN THE POPULAR VILLAGE OF GREAT WYRLEY WHILST OFFERING SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY STYLE ACCOMMODATION THROUGHOUT. Occupying a choice position within a private development the property offers excellent access to a host of local amenities & transport links.

OFFERS AROUND: £480,000

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Revival Street, Walsall

- Impressive One Bedroom House
- No Upward Chain
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Main Bedroom with built-in Wardrobes
- Refitted Luxurious Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Potential Investment Yield of 7.5%

Offers in Excess of £65,000

Cecil Street, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Secure Intercom Access
- Private Entrance Door
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
- Gated Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £70,000

Newhome Way, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom With Shower over Bath
- Allocated Parking
- Secure Entrance Doors

£74,950

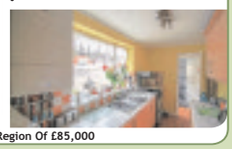
West Street, Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £80,000

Revival Street, Walsall

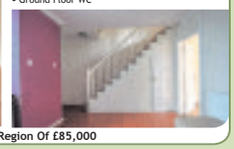
- No Upward Chain
- Ideal First Purchase
- Refitted Kitchen
- Wet Room
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Delightful Rear Garden



Offers in the Region Of £85,000

Millfield Avenue, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Ideal Buy-to-Let Investment
- Popular Lower Farm Area
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Ground Floor WC



Offers in the Region Of £85,000

Lichfield Road, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Desirable Location
- Close to Walsall Town Centre
- Communal Parking
- Delightful Communal Gardens
- Garage

Offers in Excess of £85,000

Tasker Street, Walsall

- Exclusive Development
- Available March 2016
- Available Off Plan
- Close Proximity to Town Centre
- Allocated Parking

£110,000

Basalt Close, Walsall

- Modern Town House
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Offers in the Region Of £95,000

NEW

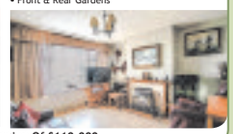
1, Church Place, Walsall

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Kitchen & Living Area
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- White Bathroom Suite
- Ample Storage
- Allocated Parking
- Secure Intercom Entrance
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the Region Of £89,950

Coalpool Lane, Walsall

- Well Maintained Traditional Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens



Offers in the Region Of £110,000

Pooles Lane, Willenhall

- Ideal Starter Home
- Off Road Parking
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Refitted Bathroom
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Green Lane, Walsall

- Victorian Style Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £85,000

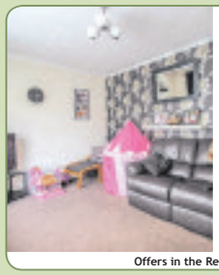
Hawbush Road, Walsall

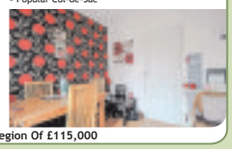
- Superb Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room and Guest WC
- Porch
- Spacious Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Offers in the Region Of £115,000

Drake Road, Walsall

- No Chain
- Currently Tenanted to a long term tenant (£500 PCM)
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Popular Cul-de-Sac





Offers in the Region Of £115,000

Springfields, Walsall

- Well Presented End Terrace
- Ideal First Purchase
- Kitchen/Diner
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Several Reputable Schools Nearby

£114,950

50 Park Road, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Currently Achieving £6300 Annual Rent
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Secure Gated Parking
- Other Apartments Available in the Block

£115,000

Deepmore Avenue, Walsall

- Within 1 Mile of Walsall Town Centre
- Close to Reedswood Academy
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Family Friendly Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £115,000

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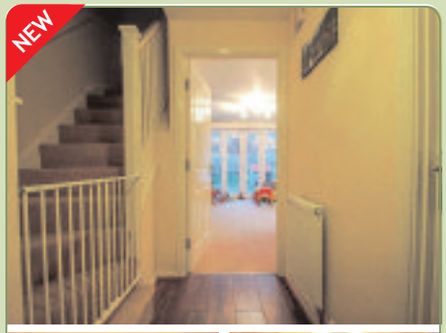


Water Reed Grove,Walsall

- Modern Town House
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Ground Floor WC
- Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Easy Access to M6 J10
- Ideal First Purchase
- Remaining NHBC Warranty

Offers in Excess of £120,000

NEW

Seeds Lane,Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Potential for Improvement
- Block Paved Driveway
- Single Detached Garage
- Ground Floor WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- First Floor Shower Room
- Delightful Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £120,000

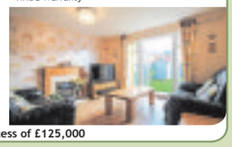
Hunter Crescent,Walsall

- Superbly Extended Semi-Detached
- Pleasant Lounge
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking

Offers in the Region Of £125,000

Yorkshire Grove,Walsall

- Immaculately Presented
- Modern Semi Detached
- Sought After Jubilee Gardens Development
- Guest Cloakroom
- Open Plan Kitchen/Living Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- NHBC Warranty



Offers in Excess of £125,000

Waters Keep, Walsall,Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Useful Storage Space
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty

From £141,995

Watling Street,Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Period Property
- Scope for Further Development
- Spacious Rooms
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

£130,000

Coppice Road,Walsall

- Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Superb Conservatory
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Potential to Convert Garage to 3rd Bedroom/Granny Flat
- Ample Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £160,000

Rochester Croft,Walsall

- Superb Modern End of Terrace
- Rear Gated Driveway
- Block Paved Driveway to the Fore
- Sought After Modern Development
- Easy Access to M6 J10
- Close to Reedswood Retail Park
- Enclosed Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Ample Primary & Secondary Schools Nearby

£140,000

Watling Street,Brownhills

- No Upward Chain
- Superb Extended Kitchen
- Lounge with Log Burner
- Second Reception Room
- Useful Loft Space
- Some Work Required

Offers in the Region Of £159,950

Peolsford Road,Walsall

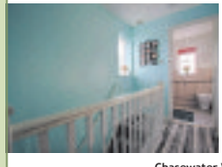
- Three Bedroom Semi
- Extended
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs W.C.
- Utility
- Family Bathroom
- D.Glazing & G.C.Heating
- Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway

Offers in the Region Of £160,000

Ashtree Road,Walsall

- Three Storey Three Bedroom Period Property
- Sympathetically Refurbished
- Superb Kitchen/Conservatory
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Many Original Features
- Detached Garage
- Sought After Pelsall Village Location

£190,000



Chasewater Way,Cannock

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Off Road Parking
- Converted Detached Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Luxurious Refitted Shower Room
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Located Near to Chasewater Country Park
- A5 & M6 Toll Roads Nearby

£199,950

Lord Street,Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Queen Mary's & Blue Coat Schools Nearby
- Several Primary Schools locally
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Kitchen/Diner

£165,000

Meadow Street,Walsall Town

- IMPOSING THREE STOREY NEW BUILD
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- TWO EN-SUITE
- KITCHEN/DINER
- LOUNGE
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS

Guide Price £200,000

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- Guest W.C.
- Utility
- Conservatory
- Family Shower Room
- Detached Garage & Off Road Parking

Offers in the Region Of £220,000

Tannery Court,Walsall

- Brand New Three Storey Property
- 10 Year NHBC Warranty
- Garage
- New Development in the Heart Of Walsall
- Show Home Available to View
- New Build

Offers in the Region Of £195,000

Vernon Way,Bloxwich

- Two/Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- One/Two Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room

Offers in the Region Of £180,000

Dunnerdale Road,Clayhanger

- No Upward Chain
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Fitted Kitchen & Dining Area
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Planning Permission Previously Granted

Offers in the Region Of £165,000

NEW

Lawnoaks Close,Walsall wood

- Superbly Presented Detached Property
- Ample Driveway
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Short Walk to Chasewater Country Park
- Easy Access to the A5 and M6 Toll
- Brownhills West & Watling Street Schools Nearby
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room

Offers in Excess of £180,000

Lord Street,Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Queen Mary's & Blue Coat Schools Nearby
- Several Primary Schools locally
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Kitchen/Diner

£165,000

Watling Street,Brownhills

- No Upward Chain
- Superb Extended Kitchen
- Lounge with Log Burner
- Second Reception Room
- Useful Loft Space
- Some Work Required

Offers in the Region Of £159,950

Castle Road,Walsall Wood

- Under Floor Heating to Ground Floor
- Aluminium Bi-fold Doors to Rear
- Composite Front Door
- 'A' Rated uPVC Windows
- Oak Internal Doors
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway
- Three Bathrooms

£259,950

NEW

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Ingram Road & Usk Close,Bloxwich

- Four One Bedroom Maisonettes
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- Allocated Parking Spaces
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- Total Income over £18,000
- Freehold Title Included
- Each Property Approx 42sq metres - 450 sq feet
- Sought After Area
- Near Bloxwich High Street

Guide Price £200,000

New Street,Shelfield

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Two Bedroom Self Contained Annexe
- Detached Double Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Viewing Essential

Offers in the Region Of £270,000

Redmires Close,Rushall

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EXECUTIVE DETACHED FORMER SHOW HOME
- IMMACULATE CONDITION
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN

Offers in the Region Of £289,950

Nutmeg Grove,Walsall

- Impressive Detached Residence
- Double Detached Garage
- Sought After Development Close To Walsall Town Centre
- Close Proximity To Popular Schools
- Superb Kitchen/Diner

Offers in the Region Of £374,995

Walsall Road,Walsall Wood

- Superbly Designed Detached Bungalow
- Set on 0.8 Acre Plot
- Three Bedrooms all having En-Suites
- Grand Entrance Hallway
- Lounge with Inglenook Fireplace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Sun Room with Log Burner
- Conservatory
- Several Outbuildings
- Viewing Essential

Offers in the Region Of £450,000

Blithfield Road,Brownhills

- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms, Two with En-Suite
- Fitted Oak Kitchen with Granite Worktops
- Rosewood Double Glazing
- Underfloor Heating in Kitchen & Utility
- Unvented Pressurised Heating System

£325,000

Sneyd Lane,Essington

- Ample Parking to the Fore
- Welcoming Entrance Hallway
- 38ft Living Area
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Utilty Room
- Potential to convert space to a Granny Annexe

£370,000

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£170,000

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- Newly Re-fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
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- No Upward Chian, Rear Garden

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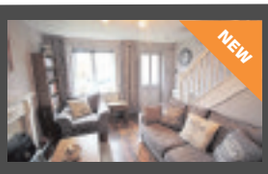

NEW

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- Well Presented Modern Semi Detached
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage, Driveway
- Front And Rear Gardens

£129,995

EPC D

NEW

BRIARSLEIGH LEYBURN CLOSE

- Superb Greatly Improved 3 Bedroom Semi
- Hall, Lounge,
- Impressive Newly Fitted Kitchen
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- Garage, Driveway
- Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing

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EPC C

NEW

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- Fitted Kitchen
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- Front And Rear Gardens

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NEW

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NEW

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EPC D

NO CHAIN

SNEYD PARK BROCKERIDGE CLOSE

- Impressive 3 Bedrooms Semi Detached
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- Rear Gardens ● No Chain

£155,000

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NO CHAIN

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- Bathroom ● Double Glazing ● Gas CH
- Front And Rear Gadrens, Garage, Driveway

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NEW

NEW INVENTION BALMORAL DRIVE

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
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- Double Glazing, Rear Gardens

£135,000

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NEW PRICE

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- Bathroom ● Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
- Front And Rear Gardens, Garage

£97,500

Cactus is looking sharp

By Sharon Walters

The Citroën Cactus may have an unusually quirky image but it's a joy to drive and offers excellent fuel economy.

We shouldn't have been surprised when the rather unusual Citroën Cactus arrived on our streets. Looking a little like a chunky child's toy or something from Thunderbirds, it follows on from all those great quirky cars that the French company used to give us.

In the past it was a company that dared to be different and brought us very individual cars like the DS, 2CV (remember the one with the soft top?), the SM, the CX and the BX. And not so long ago the Xantia Activa, the C6 and the C4. They weren't always successes but we certainly remember them, if only for their looks.

Now we have the Cactus and and its timing couldn't have been better. Let's face it, crossover vehicles had become so popular they had moved from the alternative to a comfortable family hatch. We now have a crossover that looks unlike any other vehicle on the roads, with its Airbump side cladding and a shed-load of other bold details.

A large panoramic sunroof features a state-of-the-art coating to filter UV light and reflect heat, and fills the cabin with diffused light.

Unique to the C4 Cactus and an instantly recognisable feature of the model is Citroën's new Airbump technology.

Fitted to the front and rear doors, the tough air-filled TPU (thermoplastic polyurethane) capsules protect against minor bumps and scrapes. Airbump panels do not need specific maintenance and reduce the stress and expense associated with car park dings and dents – cutting service and repair costs over the lifetime of the car.

While the interior looks uncluttered and without much in the way of technology, there is an awful lot discreetly placed.

Fitted as standard, the fully digital Touch Drive interface features a 7-inch touchscreen to control all the main vehicle functions. These include automatic air conditioning, media (DAB radio, audio streaming, mobile connections, music and photo storage), navigation (map view, speed limit display, traffic conditions, fuel-efficient routing), driving aids (reversing camera, park assist, speed limiter/cruise control), telephone (hands-free via Bluetooth, contacts, call management), connected services and vehicle settings.

It takes a while to get to grips with but once mastered the interface is excellent. Plus, there are some shortcut keys on either side of the main screen for practicality.

Looking a little like a chunky child's toy or something from Thunderbirds, it follows on from all those great quirky cars that the French company used to give us

There is also a range of innovative aids available, including park assist to get into spaces and a reversing camera which displays the rear view and guidelines on the touchscreen.

Designed to reduce the cost of ownership throughout the life of the vehicle, the C4 Cactus's multi-award-winning features include a lightweight design, impressive fuel economy of up to 91.1mpg and excellent fuel emissions.

The car is offered with six efficient powertrains, four petrol – PureTech 75, PureTech 82, PureTech 82 S&S and PureTech 110 S&S – and two HDi diesels – e-HDi 92 and BlueHDi 100. Engines are mated to either five-speed manual or five or six-speed ETG (Efficient Tronic Gearbox) transmissions. All diesels are sub-100g/km of CO2 and are eligible for free car tax. There is even a tax-exempt petrol version – the PureTech 82 S&S ETG – which emits just 98g/km.

While I was a little unsure about the looks, its economy and comfort won me over.

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Hot hatch Focus RS lives up to the legend

By Ed Wiseman

We've seen the photos. We remember the legends. We've slurped thirstily at every droplet of info that leaks from the Ford PR machine. But does the Focus RS live up to the legend?

The Focus RS is a blue-collar hero. Since its introduction in 2002, the RS – which stands for 'Rallye Sport' – has been the halo model for fast Ford fans in the UK. It's a nod to legendary cars like the RS1600 and the Sierra Cosworth, both of which were attainable and immensely quick.

Prices for this car start at just under £30,000, and its driving dynamics and sheer power would challenge cars costing three times that.

It's all-wheel-drive, it hits 62mph in 4.7 seconds, and it sounds like an angry lion. Ridiculous. This is the kind of car you could fall in love with – and then lease for £299 a month from your nearest Ford dealer.

It's pretty subtle until you notice the more aggressive bodywork, the spoiler above the rear windscreen, and the sculpted front and rear. The launch colour is Nitrous Blue, which accounts for most of the orders currently placed, but opting for a quieter colour will create an understated 'sleeper' car.

Ford has used some interior space to build a unique all-wheel-drive system. You lose around 60 litres from the (already mediocre) boot, and the standard seats are bulky and eat into rear passenger legroom. Splash out on the shell seats for a more comfortable cabin.

Despite being a performance-oriented car, the RS has all the mod cons you'd expect. A couple of 12v charging sockets up front, loads of stowage space, and some USB ports as well.

Brilliant

Ford has built a brilliant driver's car. They even have a metric for how 'fun' it is to rev the engine (very), and they teamed up with stunt driver and internationally-renowned boy racer Ken Block to make a car that you can mess around in.

The RS has four main driving modes. Normal, Sport, Track and Drift. If those last two words don't excite you, then you should probably stop reading, as the RS isn't for you.

'Drift' mode enables you to drive sideways in a cloud of tyre smoke. The amount of technology that has gone into creating this preposterous toy is staggering, especially considering it has no real-world application outside a deserted carpark at 2am. It's huge fun and very controllable, artificially creating predictable oversteer.

'Track' mode is where the RS really shines. Built to flatter amateurs and satisfy professionals, it really does make you look good on the track – ham-fisted driving is smoothed out by the car's powerful computer.

If you want track day success, but lack talent, this could be the car for you.

That's not to say it's for beginners. If you know what you're doing, you'll be able to get the most out this performance Ford – and goodness me, it's capable.

It costs around £30,000, going up to £33,000 if you tick every option.

For this you get one of the best-handling cars currently for sale, and the most versatile performance hatchback ever. All in a sensible, five-door, family car package that you can use every day.

Anyone who wants everyday driving fun and has £30,000 to spend on it should buy this car. You can drive it like a vanilla Focus for the most part, but every other Saturday, this family wagon will turn into a monster on the track. If you're the kind of person to occasionally take a longer, twistier, more interesting route home, then this is the car for you.

This car summed up in a single word: Bonkers.

If this car was a: weapon it would be a sawn-off Purdey. Impressive craftsmanship, repurposed for use by ruffians.

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Application has been made by Dana Ali Kamal, to the Regulatory Services, Licensing Unit, at Walsall Council, for a new premises licence in respect of: International Mini - Market, 246b Wednesbury Road, Pleck, Walsall, West Midlands, WS2 9QN.

The application includes the following terms:

1. To enable the sale of alcohol between Monday-Sunday 08:00 - 23:00, for consumption off the premises.

Full details of the application may be viewed at the Council Offices, Regulatory Services, Licensing Unit, Walsall Council, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall WS1 1TP during normal office hours Monday to Friday (www.walsall.gov.uk).

Responsible authorities or other persons, can make written representations regarding the application, to the above licencing authority, and they must be received no later than 10th March 2016.

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Dated: 19th February 2016

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The below applications have been made to the Walsall Council. Applications can be viewed at First Stop Shop, Civic Centre, Walsall or online www.walsall.gov.uk/planning. Representations can be made online, email: planningservices@walsall.gov.uk or in writing to Head of Planning and Building Control, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1DG. Representations should be made within 21 days of the date of this notice. Please note: Your letter and personal details will form part of the planning file which is a public document and will be available for inspection at the Council Offices. The information may be released as part of a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

16/0107 Mr Waseem Khan Rasab FOR: LISTED BUILDING CONSENT: REMOVE EXISTING FASCIA SIGN TO FRONT ELEVATION. REMOVE REDUNDANT SIGNAGE AND BRACKET AND MADE GOOD FINISHES. RETAIN EXISTING INTERNAL WORKS. PROPOSED EXTERNAL BIN STORAGE AND BICYCLE STORE TO REAR. AT: BRADFORD HOUSE, 27, BRADFORD STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1PN

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MICHELLE 39yr old nurse, slim, petite, blonde, blue eyes, looking to enjoy life with similar romantic, caring guy. Single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420791**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3003 Box 419673**

YVONNE, single mum, happy with life, but would like to meet someone to share fun times with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420269**

SUE, 38yrs, passionate, broadminded and feisty seeks discreet fun with 'Mr Wrong' **Tel: 0906 515 3035 Box 413007**

48 year old, slim, green eyed female, n/s, likes meals out, local theatre, live local bands, nights in, looking for a gentleman, 48-52, for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420839**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3011 Box: 409715**

FEMALE, 37, new to area, would like to meet nice trustworthy man, for friendship hopefully more. **Text only to mailbox: 5392585**

LUCY first time advertiser, 32yrs, tall slim blonde airline worker, seeks discreet gent, any status for casual fling. Looks/age unimportant. **Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box: 420237**

CAROL 37 attractive slim blonde, curves in all the right places, nice personality, good company, looking for caring man for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420757**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3019 Box: 413399**

DEBS lonely 40's female with no ties, GSOH, N/S, loves the simple things in life looking for similar soul mate to be happy together with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420729**

KAREN, 42yrs, attractive and broadminded, seeks no strings fun with chap any age, must be discreet. **Tel: 0906 515 3039 Box: 407953**

BEV 30yr old curvy attractive female, likes music, travel, animals, cosy nights in front of a log fire, looking for affectionate male for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420715**

ROSIE, 43yrs, bored and lonely, I don't get out much but would like to meet a nice chap, married or single, fun only pls. **Text only Box 4078225**

SUE, 46, confident professional, sporty/active, seeking sensitive interesting guy for intimate evenings in with great food and conversations. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420701**

JENNI, hairdresser, brunette, caring and fun. WLTM chap any age, must be discreet with car, I have a nice home to meet in. **Text only Box: 4139156**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, slim attractive blonde, varied interests and solvent, WLTM honest male of any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420685**

KAREN, curvy brunette, 42yrs loves men of all ages and sizes but must make me laugh .I am married with open marriage. **Text only Box: 4020257**

CHRIS, 67, brunette, cuddly, WLTM caring, kind gentleman, for days out, meals out, walks etc and for just being together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420667**

LILY, genuine lady looking for a genuine man. I like cosy nights in and am a smoker. **Text only mailbox no: 5372466**

TRISH, 44, tall slim young/good looking GSOH, professional, solvent, OHAC, affectionate and loves TLC, WLTM male who also likes to be in a loving relationship, 39-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420601**

SAMANTHA pretty brunette, very busty 36, intelligent, independent with a real lust for life, seeks big-hearted stocky male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420599**

JULIA 47, looking for genuine, reasonably attractive male friend, may to lead to more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419695**

MADDIE extremely passionate female 37, seeks reliable male to enjoy the finer things in life and tactile relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420563**

CHRIS, 40, attractive slim sophisticated redhead, seeking male 30-50's to relax with and get to know. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420491**

SALLY, 46, slim attractive feisty redhead, intelligent, easygoing, WLTM similar male for friendship and more, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420475**

LOUISE, 47, youthful looking female looking for spontaneous male to put some love and lust back into life. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420445**

ALEXA 49 - slim, attractive, long-haired music loving female, with many interests including dining out, the arts, photography WLTM similar male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5345662**

CHLOE pretty single female 36yrs, dark hair/eyes, slim build, very lonely and looking for reliable discreet male for mutual companionship maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420359**

JULIE, 47, blonde brown eyes, size 12, varied interests, loves cuddling, kissing and showing affection, seeks similar energetic male friend for TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420357**

ANN,38, very attractive female, N/S, positive attitude to life, WLTM similar kind male with a lot of get up and go for romance and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420355**

JACKIE lonely and looking for male company, 48-65. Need a bit of love and affection? Then I'm your girl. call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418169**

SARAH, curvaceous brunette, 35, passionate nature, solvent, OHAC, WLTM date again, looking for male to take me out. Looks/Age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420207**

LYN, 43, divorced very lonely single mum, young looking, slim, attractive, WLTM similar male for companionship. Age/looks/Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418795**

JANE, 47, voluptuous female, long hair, brown eyes, generous curves, would love to spend cosy nights in with that special male. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417985**

SUSANNAH, 48, curvy female, romantic, warm and cuddly, seeks similar kind male for a loving relationship with lots of cuddles and kisses. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417341**

KELLY young attractive vivacious 48yr old lady, loves good food, cosy nights in/out, holidays etc, WLTM male for mutual companionship **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420195**

CATHY, 42, good looking brunette with a real passion for life, seeking male for happy times, dates, chats, romance and more. Pls call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420175**

TARA 22 tall slim but curvy with legs that go all the way up to heaven, WLTM very appreciative confident male for adult fun. Contact me anytime. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414701**

FEMALE, dark haired 5'10, curvy, likes reading, walking, cinema, seeks male 40-50 for lasting relationship. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5077545**

PROFESSIONAL black female age 52, enjoys evenings and days out, would like to meet similar Midlands male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5315901**

CATHY, 42, good looking brunette with a real passion for life, seeking male for happy times, dates, chats, romance and more. Pls call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420073**

FEMALE fun brunette, attractive, 26, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416287**

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MAGGIE, 72 yrs young, good sense of humour, well presented, WLTM kind, sincere chappie to share coffee and a chat. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5310040**

LOUISE 35, dark hair, blue eyes, attractive ex air hostess, looking for fun times with older male for romantic nights in and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420043**

39 yr old independent single Mom, knows the benefit of having a good man in the picture. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5084796**

FRANCES, 45, busty female, loves nights in/out, seeking uncomplicated male who can occupy my free time for quality companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420003**

FEMALE, seeks fun loving male who likes a drink and a laugh, to enjoy erotic experiences with a curvy brunette. Discretion guaranteed. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5079311**

MARY, pretty, friendly, lots of fun, lives in Kidderminster, loves the theatre, opera, ballet, WLTM a lovely, charming, funny, genuine guy, 30s, to settle down with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419883**

LOU, 45, lives in Shrewsbury, WLTM a lady between 42-49 with blue eyes, must be kind, caring and funny to mend my broken heart, someone who likes to curl up on the sofa for cozy nights in. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419855**

FREYA 24yr old single mum, looking for male for free time frolics, call me if you're interested, it could be fun! **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419851**

LISA 38 slim attractive blonde, looking for a man who will appreciate a feminine, fashionable, fun, romantic sensual woman with a mind of her own. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419839**

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, sensual, tactile, no ties, WLTM kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419821**

PAT 66, attractive, N/S, likes reading, nights out, seeks gent for friendship, days out and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418277**

68YR old widow, attractive, seeks sincere, N/S male, likes reading, meals out and walks. West Midlands. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414773**

LADY Penelope seeks her very own Parker (47-58) to go on a voyage of discovery and romance. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4550237**

VIRGINIA, outgoing social female, 24, tall slim and attractive, looking for fun times, maybe more. Can accommodate/travel. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418845**

BLACK lady seeks white male over 60, any location, for friendship and hopefully a lot more. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4256384**

CHARLENE, 24, petite curvy young blonde seeks similar cheeky, fun loving guy for lots of fun and loving. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419597**

JOANNA, 36, petite, auburn haired female, lovely figure seeks loving older male for fun nights out and cosy nights in. Maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419595**

SHARON 32, attractive black single mum of one, very tactile and passionate, WLTM male 45-65yrs for fun meets. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419579**

MARIE, 43, fun blue-eyed brunette, fit and active, seeks similar male to have a laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419417**

KAREN 50, widow, likes swimming, horse riding, keep fit, clay pigeon shooting, GSOH, N/S, non drinker, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 415211**

CURVY, farm girl at heart, 32, 5ft 10, single mum, caring, kind, shy, likes walks, cooking WLTM tactile male farmer for LTR. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5067001**

FEMALE medium build, blonde hair, 5ft 5ins, seeks male, 50-58, GSOH, loving, caring and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 415429**

WIDOW 50, blonde hair, GSOH, 5ft 5ins, slim, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 415767**

MARIE, 43, fun blue-eyed brunette, fit and active, seeks similar male to have a laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419417**

FEMALE 50's, 5ft 5ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, seeks gent with GSOH, loving, caring and understanding. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 415871**

BLUE eyed female, blonde hair, slim, GSOH, loving, caring, understanding, seeking similar male, 55-55. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416989**

AMANDA, 36, tall, slim, busty brunette seeks man, any age, any area, for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418117**

CAROL Ann, sensitive slim brunette very romantic seeks tall handsome male for fun, friendship and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419385**

KIRSTEN, 36, attractive, blonde and very bored, seeking open-minded decent male for fun/friendship, 40-60yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419383**

VAL 41, pretty, cuddly, flirty, seeks similar fun loving male for an uncomplicated no strings relationship. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416601**

MID naughty forties female looking fun, thrills and discreet meets, give me a call, you wont be disappointed. Any age with own accommodation. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409109**

DIVORCED female, attractive, sensual by nature, OHAC, bored with own company, looking to make life a little more exciting with likeminded man. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419219**

LINDA, 47, brown-eyed blonde, caring, loving and honest, many interests, seeks genuine male to share lonely evenings with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417211**

JOYCE, affectionate sensitive widow, bit of a romantic, seeks loving male for lots of TLC. Looks unimportant, it's what's in the heart that matters. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419143**

DEBBIE, 29, looking for mature professional fun guy, 40-50 to spend good times with. Call me, you have nothing to lose. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419075**

JULES, sensitive tactile, curvy brunette, hopeless romantic, seeks tall, loving male for fun, friendship and possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419033**

VIRGINIA, outgoing social female, 24, tall slim and attractive, looking for fun times, maybe more. Can accommodate/travel. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418845**

HEATHER, well travelled solvent brunette looking to share a large glass of wine and whatever follows with affectionate man friend. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419031**

PAULINE, 49yrs, very attractive, curvy divorcee, affectionate and fun, seeks laid back, sincere male for an uncomplicated, loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418925**

WALSALL male looking for lady for no strings adult fun on a regular basis, within 10 miles of Walsall is preferred but not essential, age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420873**

LADY young at heart, nice eyes, seeks man 42-52 with good sense of humour. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4881572**

LOOKING for the right chemistry with country loving gent who like me is looking for some extra fun in their life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418843**

JAN 35yr old blue eyed blonde, outgoing, friendly, WLTM passionate guy to share good wine, good conversation, flirting and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418609**

ATTRACTIVE professional lady, widow, 50's, likes walks, sight seeing, theatre, meals out, seeks genuine, professional gent, 5ft 9ins plus to make life more enjoyable. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418615**

JAN 35yr old blue eyed blonde, outgoing, friendly, WLTM passionate guy to share good wine, good conversation, flirting and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418609**

SENSUAL tactile, attractive female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, loves travel, wining/dining, WLTM genuine male for mutual companionship. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418587**

BROKEN hearted lady 39 seeks loving male to mend heart age 39/40. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4869116**

KAY, very young 45, fit and active, no ties, seeks similar young at heart, fun male for fun meets. Age/Status/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418577**

Single Men

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WAYNE, 40, cheeky, good career, likes gym. Looking for a lady who likes stimulating conversation and times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 419829**

DARREN, 44, slim build, dark brown hair, green eyes, seeks genuine female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418809**

GENUINE male, 58, OHAC, looking for fun lady for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 417601**

PHIL 57, OHAC, discreet, seeks no strings fun with younger female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414991**

MALE 45yrs old, self-employed motor trader/mechanic, medium build, green eyes, average looks. I am a nice genuine and honest person looking for similar lady to share a honest permanent relationship and happy times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418709**

PHIL 55, divorced, 5ft 10ins, slim, OHAC, seeks female, 18 plus for discreet adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 401875**

STEVE 58 yrs, 6ft, average build, seeking woman for NSA mutual pleasure, marital status unimportant. **Text only to mailbox: 5400701**

YOUNG at heart lonely 55yr old male, 5ft 10, medium build, n/s, GSOH, loyal, looking for a female for adult fun time, possible LTR. **Text only to mailbox: 5321154**

MARK, 44, very interesting person, own business, sporty, honest and genuine, likes nights out, meals out, cinema, country walks, WLTM a lady for friendship and good company leading to a permanent relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420841**

STEVEN, 39, caring and clean, looking for female for fun, laughter and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420861**

MALE, 46, slim, WLTM a lady to settle me down, if that's you please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420853**

62yr old professional male seeks female 55-70, curvy and feminine, for fun, laughter and relationship. **Text only to mailbox: 4435871**

TREVOR 45, likes cinema, going out, some quiet nights in and looking for someone with similar interests. **Text only to mailbox: 5392042**

COLIN 48, loving, kind, seeks loving kind caring cuddly lady 48 to 54 for LTR, love and romance. **Text only to mailbox: 5308886**

MALE 51, seeks lady to spoil and pamper. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 313191**

MALE 55, stocky, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407741**

MALE 57, seeking female, any age/looks for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416779**

TOBY, looking for a responsible lady, 30-50, sensible with money, loving, passionate, romantic, single mum of one welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420813**

MALE, 59, 5ft2, average build, seeks genuine, caring, lady, 55-65. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420721**

JOSEPH attractive Asian male, seeking attractive, genuine female, 38-50 for friendship and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410267**

HANDSOME, attractive, fit, Indian, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 219790**

ATTRACTIVE male 56 seeks dom female 40 to 70 for close adult fun, any status or size. **Text only to mailbox: 4347071**

MATURE male, 6ft, slim, fit, clean and smart, residing in central Birmingham, seeks slimish female for fun times. **Text only to mailbox: 5383053**

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Five-star Cons send title rivals a warning

CANNOCK Cons A moved into second place in the Aldridge & District Snooker League Premier Division in a three-way tussle for the title. They produced a five-star performance, whitewashing **Q Bar A**, sending out a title warning as they breathe down leaders' St John's neck.

Reigning champions **Wednesfield Cons A**, in third-placed, almost came a cropper at struggling **Victoria A** as they went 2-0 down. But Cons produced a superb comeback victory.

At the other end of the table bottom club **Ogley Hay** pulled off a shock 3-2 home victory against **Golden Cue A**.

In Division One, leaders **Bentley Moor A** remain on course for the title, winning 3-2 in a deciding frame match away at struggling **Q Bar B**. **Bloxwich Memorial B** now look most likely to get promoted after they saw off **Landywood SC B** 4-1 away.

Stafford Road B are seeing their season fall apart and were beaten 4-1 by **Aldridge Cons C**.

The semi-finals of the Masters (over 40) Championship took place at Stafford Road and Adrian Rosa (Lea Hall) prevailed over Mick Faulkner (St Johns) 3-1.

He will face Craig Meredith (Bloxwich Mem) in the final following his 3-0 win over Tony Davis (Wednesfield Cons).

Results: Aldridge Cons A 1 Landywood SC A 4; Bloxwich Memorial A 3 Stafford Road A 2; Cannock Cons B 5 Q Bar A 0; Fishley Park1 Pelsall Social A 4; Ogley Hay 3 Golden Cue A 2; Old Hall 1 Aldridge Cons B 4; Victoria A 2 Wednesfield Cons A 3

Division One: Athenaeum Club2 Golden Cue C 3; Essington WMC 2 Lichfield Road BC 3; Landywood SC B 1 Bloxwich Memorial B 4; Q Bar B 2 Bentley Moor A 3; Stafford Road B 1 Aldridge Cons C 4; Wednesfield Cons B 3 Amery 2; Bentley Moor B 3 Birchills 2; Norton Vic 4 Victoria B 1

Darters hot on heels of leaders

JUST six points separate the West Midlands from the top of the BDO British Inter-Counties Championship Division Two after victory away to Suffolk.

The second-placed county darters are hot on the heels of leaders London after an emphatic win on the road.

Their four teams all left unbeaten as they eased to a 25-14 success, making it four victories out of five so far this season.

The only clash in which they were held was the ladies B affairs, where the two sides played out a 3-3 draw.

Shellbie Simmons scored the visitors' best average, with 18.89 to roll over Leesa Wollard 3-1. Suffolk's Barbara Chenery had 16.98 to beat Jacqueline Maiden (17.21) by the same verdict.

The West Midlands got on top with the men's B proceedings, prevailing 8-4 to take a match lead. Scott Baker romped to a 3-0 whitewash with 28.36 over Jamie Collins (18.96) along the way.

Stuart Greenlaugh's 24.41 for Suffolk was only enough to lose 3-2 to John Morris (26.45), while the hosts' John Attwater notched 23.48 for a 3-0 shutout over Mick Hoult (18.62).

Coming out on top 4-2 in the women's A proceedings left the West Midlands 15-9 up going into the men's finale.

Sarah Roberts racked up 21.13 for a 3-1 result over Chrissy Stubbings (17.61), while Jo Locke (18.30) replied to beat Debbie Loon (17.77) by the same scoreline.

Suffolk's men's A line-up made a fist of their clashes before going down 7-5.

Two-time BDO World Championship semi-finalist Chris Mason, now of Hednesford, got them over the line with 26.38 to see off David Ballard-Flatt (27.40) in the last leg.

Victory went to the away ranks 18-14, with three extra points for the winning county. They next host Northamptonshire, at Gilberts Bar in Willenhall, on the weekend commencing March 5.

Khalsa are left blue by sight of goal ace Demidh

Sporting Khalsa 1 Heanor 3

KHALSA will be thoroughly sick of the sight of explosive forward Karl Demidh after he grabbed a brace for the visitors, the sixth and seventh goals he has scored against Khalsa this season.

Having netted five in two games for Rocester against Ian Rowe's men, two excellent poacher's efforts on 39 and 41 minutes did the damage here.

Heanor might have had a penalty in the first couple of minutes, Mark Smith having his heels clipped by Joe Rogers, but the appeals were to no avail.

Brad Lawley shot inches over from long range on 20 minutes and four minutes later Dave Meese curled an effort past Heanor keeper Joe McCormack which hit the crossbar.

Demidh then did his work in two devastating minutes which left Khalsa rocking on half time.

To compound the agony, Demidh then turned provider, taking the corner that saw Joe Smith head home in style.

Bannister pulled one back for Khalsa on 68 minutes, a beauty of a chip from the edge of the area.

But while Khalsa continued to push, Heanor were always dangerous on the break.

Smith headed over on 73 minutes and at the other end McCormack saved well from Marvin Nisbett's swerving shot.

Pemberton denied Demidh a hat-trick he richly deserved on 81 minutes before debutant Marvin Robinson put an overhead kick just wide on 85 minutes.

Heanor strengthen their grip on second place while Khalsa drop to fifth.

Club defeat adds to sombre atmosphere

Walsall 11 Silhillians 25

WALSALL remain at the bottom of Midlands One West after this latest defeat at the hands of fellow strugglers from Solihull.

Once again the hosts were forced to make changes to their team with teenager Nathan Blackwood making his debut off the replacement bench.

The first half was fairly encouraging for Walsall as they produced some good play despite facing a strong breeze. They were soon on the attack with Weston and Wieczorek having good runs. This pressure resulted in a scrum close to the Sils line.

The visitors tried to kick the ball to safety, but flanker Fitzgerald charged down the clearance kick and gathered the ball before diving over for the try. Weston added a superb touchline conversion.

Unfortunately Walsall failed to clear the ball at the restart and conceded a penalty which Hobbs duly despatched. But the home team were showing a very positive approach and were soon pressing for another score. This resulted in Weston putting over another good kick.

Sailed

This time it was a 35-metre penalty into the wind. The visitors used their possession to kick for position deep in their opponent's territory.

A Walsall lineout throw was not gathered and flanker Grogan pounced on the ball for an easy try. The second half started well for the home team as another Weston penalty sailed over the bar from 30m. But the final 30 minutes of the game proved to be a miserable period for the hosts.

Firstly there was delay because of an injury to a Silhillians player. This resulted in the game being moved and played on another pitch. The hosts then found themselves reduced to 13 players as scrum half Pittaway and No8 Williamson were sent to the sinbin in quick succession.

The visitors took full advantage of their numerical superiority and scored two tries during this 10-minute period. Full back Hobbs crossed near the corner flag and scrum half Lee went over after a quickly taken penalty. Even after returning to full strength Walsall struggled to regain any momentum or cohesion to their play.

Sadly, they never really threatened the Sills tryline during the final quarter and several players were guilty of making basic errors which meant that possession was regularly lost. Lee added to Walsall's woes as he broke through tackles and ran in a try from 50m to complete a comfortable win for his team.

The result of the game added to the sombre atmosphere at the Walsall clubhouse with the news of the sudden death of three former players. Players, officials and spectators paid a pre-match tribute to Russ Rees a former captain in the 1960s, Mike Baker a regular member of the successful teams of the 70s and 80s and Andy Smith who played and helped to administer the Walsall 2nds and 3rd team till comparatively recently. This Saturday Walsall travel up the M6 to face an in-form Stoke on Trent team.

Walsall 3rd XV were the only other team to play last Saturday. They had a 17-12 win over Handsworth 2nd XV.

Tries by Ravinderpal Padda and Tom Thorley. Andy Field kicked a penalty and two conversions.

Scrum half Neil Pittaway plays in a pass for Walsall

Sub Spencer hits brace in Pics comeback

Ashton Utd 2 Rushall 3

TWO goals by substitute Jamie Spencer saw Pics come from 2-0 down at the Hurst Cross Ground and extend their unbeaten run.

Victory takes the Pics to within six points of the Evo-Stik Premier play-off positions ahead of Tuesday's trip to Skelmersdale.

Rushall struggled to get out of the starting blocks against a hard-working Ashton United side and fell behind in the 22nd minute through captain Jason Gorton.

Adam Morning doubled Ashton's lead on 53 minutes with a fine strike from just outside the box, but Alex Reid halved the deficit just six minutes later when he bundled the ball in from close range at a corner.

Spencer, a half-time substitute, first latched onto a Kris Taylor through ball and finished superbly to level matters on 68 minutes. And 15 minutes from time, he poked home the winner at the near post before Dale Johnson was sent off for the home side in the dying minutes.

Season ticket prices revealed for early birds

WALSALL have revealed early bird season ticket prices for 2016/17 with fans able to watch their team for £11 a game – even if they win promotion to the Championship.

An early bird ticket in the Homeserve Stand will cost £347 for an adult, £259 for a senior citizen and £173.50 for under 19s.

In the Community Stand and in the upper and middle tiers of the Tile Choice Stand the price drops to £339 for adults, £231 for pensioners and £169.50 for under 19s.

That means a respective rise on the price of 2015/16 tickets of £8.50 for adults, around £6.50 for senior citizens and £5.50 for under 19s. Cheaper tickets are available in the lower part of the Tile Choice Stand and are £253 for adults which is a rise of £6.50 on last year.

Senior citizen tickets cost £182, an increase of £4 and under 19s are available for £126.50 which is up by £3.25. All Early Bird tickets for under-19s are only available to Saddlers Crew Members. Sales open on March 1 and will run until April 2.

Olympic boss Sneekes past his old boys

Rushall Olympic 2 Albion 0

FORMER Baggies favourite Richard Sneekes masterminded a win over his old side.

It was Pics' second win over Premier League opposition after a win against Stoke in the Staffs Senior Cup.

The win over the youthful Baggies side ensured Pics remain unbeaten in 2016 and progress to the quarter final of the Birmingham Senior Cup.

Zak Martin had the ball in the net for the Pics with a superbly finished volley at the back post but a linesman's flag ensured the score remained 0-0.

The hosts took the lead in the 57th minute when Gavin Caines tapped home from close range.

Ten minutes later, Alex Reid burst through to double the advantage.

Hotshot Joey goes nap in purple patch

Football

WALSALL WOOD hot-shot Joey Butlin is hoping his incredible purple patch could see him on the rise from non-league to potential stardom.

The former Walsall academy graduate has fired 12 goals in three games for the Wood and is earning all the plaudits.

Butlin netted all five of Mark Swann's side's goals in Saturday's 5-1 win over Dunkirk, just 11 days after he lashed in five of Wood's six in their last outing against Rocester in the League Cup.

Prior to that he netted twice in a 2-1 win at Loughborough University.

He said: "Jamie Vardy did it at 26 didn't he?

"I've just been trying to get fit.

"I bumped into Swanny two years ago after getting fed up with the game when I left Walsall.

Stricken

"I've been told there's not too much between the levels in non-league – it's all about fitness.

"I knew the likes of Hereford were in our league this season so I tried to get fit but it was stop-start for the first few months."

The forward was stricken with injuries in the opening months of the campaign, having being knocked unconscious in a clash with Coventry Sphinx and undergoing an operation on his mouth following a knock against Coleshill Town.

Butlin almost joined Leicestershire-based Evo-Stik Northern Premier side Barwell in November but chose to remain at Oak Park.

"They offered me more but I'm enjoying it here," the 22-year-old added.

"Hopefully I can continue impressing.

"We've had some new players in recently that have helped us tighten up at the back and express ourselves.

"I'm the sort of striker that plays with my back to goal so I've probably been more selfish in taking the chances on myself rather than playing people in.

"I wouldn't say it's been luck, the ball has been falling for me."

Wood are up to eighth in the Midland Premier Division, and have April 5 earmarked in their diary for a trip to leaders Hereford.

"There should be a good crowd and a few there watching – I want to impress," he said.

Wood hotshot Joey Butlin in his Saddlers days

Promotion chances are hit by defeat

Bloxwich 2 Ludlow 3

BLOXWICH Mens first XI suffered a blow to their promotion hopes on Saturday with a disheartening loss against Ludlow.

Bloxwich were determined to take the three points they desperately needed to keep their promotion hopes alive and the Barbarians got off to a good start with Matt Baldwin and Jake Perkins linking up well to score a well worked team goal.

Ludlow took the lead with two goals shortly afterwards before Bloxwich equalised before half time with Matt Whitehouse getting a deft touch in a well rehearsed short corner.

Bloxwich's spirit seemed to drop in the second half and the defence let Ludlow in to grab the winner.

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Sawyers back to his best, claims boss

WALSALL boss Sean O'Driscoll felt playmaker Romaine Sawyers was back to his best in the 1-1 draw at Crewe last weekend.

The talented 24-year-old made a storming start to the 2015/16 campaign with a series of eye-catching displays.

But the St Kitts and Nevis international has in recent weeks struggled to influence games in the final third having gone 20 games without a goal. And after being encouraged to play further forward, O'Driscoll admitted he was delighted with his number 10 at Gresty Road.

"I thought he was outstanding," the head coach said. "That is the Romaine you want. That is the Romaine that will score goals and create goals.

"He found spaces, he is technically very good. If he had walked off the pitch with the winning goal it would have been justified for his performance."

Despite admitting his disappointment at drawing with the Railwaymen, O'Driscoll was impressed with the number of clear cut chances his side created.

Tom Bradshaw, Milan Lalkovic and Sawyers all had golden opportunities to seal the points for the Saddlers with Crewe keeper Ben Garratt producing a man-of-the-match display.

And O'Driscoll believes it's important to focus on the positives.

"I was disappointed with the result but really pleased with the level of performance," he said.

"Their keeper has kept them in the game. And after Crewe scored so quickly at the start of the second half I was impressed with our reaction.

"And some of our possession was really good. We were trying to get Tom in, Romaine in, or Milan in.

"The level of performance of this group has been terrific all season."

O'Driscoll keen for Henry to continue football education

SEAN O'Driscoll believes Walsall starlet Rico Henry will benefit from some insurance as he continues his football education.

One of the big talking points among Saddlers fans has been the decision of the head coach to switch Henry from left-back to left wing in recent weeks.

That move has meant Milan Lalkovic has been forced to make do with a place on the bench with Andy Taylor at left-back.

And O'Driscoll believes it's important that 18-year-old Henry is allowed to develop in front of an experienced defender.

"Like most young players, Henry makes mistakes and I think if you are further forward those mistakes are not so costly," O'Driscoll said. "Further forward he can get his games in and play.

"He likes getting forward, he is bright when he has got the ball.

"I'm not convinced he will end up being a left-back personally. But then I have only had him for a short time. You can play young players in forward positions where a mistake is not so crucial."

Second half fightback comes too late

Wednesbury's pack ready to scrum

Edwardians 24 Wednesbury 10

THIS was a winnable game for Wednesbury against a Solihull side just two places above them in the league.

On the second half showing they should have won, but they were unable to come back from a 24-0 half-time deficit.

Wednesbury were slow getting into the game and within 10 minutes they were 14-0 down, both tries coming from poor tackling.

Six minutes later Wednesbury gave away a penalty allowing Edwardians to increase their lead. Wednesbury did wake up and managed to stem the tide until the end of the first half, then a moment of indecision allowed the home side in for their third try and conversion.

Right from the off in the second half they took the game to the home side forcing them back and penning them in their own half. It still took nearly 20 minutes to get onto the score sheet, but when they did it was a cracker from Aaron Harris. The injury jinx struck Wednesbury again as Alex Love had to leave the field after receiving a boot in his eye and was taken to hospital for treatment. But even with all this possession and dominance it took Wednesbury until the dying minute to increase their score with Jordan Allwood going over.

This weekend Wednesbury welcome Ludlow, kick off 2.15pm.

Wednesbury 2nds won away at Warley 2nds 81-3 with 12 tries.

PROMOTION IS STILL ON TRACK

Crewe Alexandra 1 Walsall 1

IF there is one thing for certain in a game of football, it's that you have to take your chances when you're on top.

Had Walsall done that on a cold afternoon at Gresty Road on Saturday, then they would have won this game emphatically.

Instead, struggling Crewe secured their second 1-1 draw against the Saddlers this season.

And in doing so they ensured promotion-chasing Walsall have still only picked up two wins against teams in the bottom eight this season.

That record is something that has to improve if Sean O'Driscoll's side are to make it to the Championship. It also means they are making life a lot more difficult than it needs to be.

Here, a lack of composure, together with sheer bad fortune cost them what would have been three huge points in the League One promotion race. O'Driscoll's side started like a steam train and should have been three goals to the good inside the opening 15 minutes.

Thwarted

Some scintillating football saw both Tom Bradshaw and Romaine Sawyers presented with one-on-one opportunities.

But each time excellent goalkeeping from Crewe's Ben Garratt thwarted their efforts.

In reality, both Bradshaw and Sawyers should have scored.

Yet fortune was favouring the home side – something which was underlined when the recalled Milan Lalkovic delivered a wonderfully inviting ball across the six-yard box.

The delivery was met crisply by Bradshaw, who looked to sidefoot it home. But despite doing everything right, the Welsh forward saw his effort cannon back off the crossbar.

Walsall were dominating a side that looked like relegation certainties.

So when some kamikaze defending from the home side allowed Bradshaw to convert from the spot, it was no more than they deserved.

After the break, Crewe were never going to be as bad. But when they pulled level through a set-piece it was extremely harsh on the Saddlers.

Tom Bradshaw fires in the penalty to give the Saddlers the lead at Crewe

And yet O'Driscoll's side had the chances to win it. An unmarked Paul Downing fired over from six yards after an Anthony Forde corner eventually found its way through to him.

Then a rifled Bradshaw drive looked destined for the bottom corner, only for it to be palmed away one-handed by the outstanding Garratt.

O'Driscoll said afterwards he was delighted with the performance, but admitted his disappointment with the result.

And there is no doubt there were a lot of positives.

Against Millwall, the Saddlers were guilty of enjoying a lot of possession but without creating clear-cut chances. Here they did create opportunities with Sawyers, who has been quiet in recent weeks, much more influential as he spent more time in the final third.

Emerging centre-back Matt Preston also shone after stepping in at the last minute following a thigh injury to James O'Connor.

Despite the positives, Walsall's players left the pitch knowing full well this was a match where two points were dropped.

With title rivals Wigan and then Burton Albion up next, the Saddlers need to find a way to ensure they consistently win games – just like the way the Brewers have done for the past two years.

Woakes in shock T20 squad axe

GREAT Barr cricketer Chris Woakes was a shock omission from England's ICC World Twenty20 squad to travel to India next month.

The 26-year-old Warwickshire all-rounder has been with the England Test and ODI squad in South Africa and was expected to be picked for the showpiece tournament.

But he has been replaced by uncapped Hampshire all-rounder Liam Dawson. Selectors are convinced Dawson's slow left-arm variety is their best option as a third spinner in sub-continental conditions, in preference to Woakes' seam.

He will back up leg-spinner Adil Rashid and Worcestershire all-rounder Moeen Ali.

England coach Trevor Bayliss said Woakes was 'very unlucky' to be missing the trip.

He said: "With the World (T20) being in India, we've decided to take three spinners on that trip.

"He's disappointed, but that's the way it goes sometimes. If it was maybe somewhere else in the world, he could have maybe been one of the lucky ones.

"But I'm sure he'll continue to work hard, and he's certainly still part of our plans going forward."

Dawson, who will join England in South Africa next week to shadow the Twenty20 squad in action for two matches in Cape Town and Johannesburg, will have an opportunity then to impress Bayliss.

Dawson's chance to press for a place in it came as a shock to him, via a telephone call from national selector James Whitaker. "I definitely wasn't expecting it," the 25-year-old said.

"It's obviously an amazing tournament to be involved in – especially being in India as well, which will be an exciting thing to experience."

Tributes paid after death of ex-striker

WALSALL have paid tribute to former forward David Sloan, who has died at the age of 74. The ex-Northern Ireland international scored three goals in 52 appearances for the Saddlers between 1973 and 1975.

Born in Lisburn, he netted 42 goals in 136 league games for Scunthorpe United before moving to Oxford, where he became the first U's player to receive a full international cap. He then joined Walsall, his final club before retirement.

A club statement read: "The thoughts of everyone at Walsall Football Club are with David's family and friends at this sad time."

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